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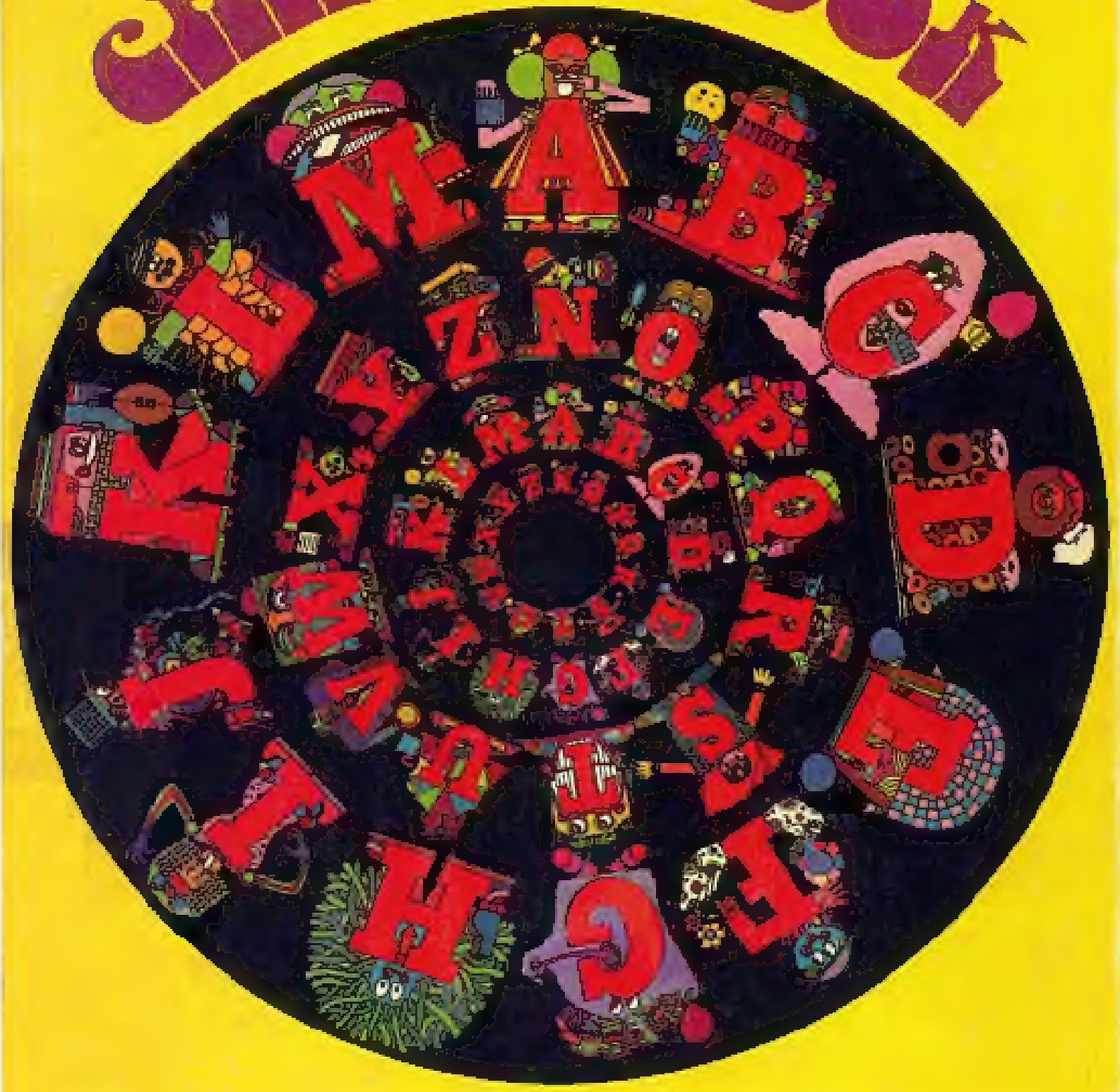

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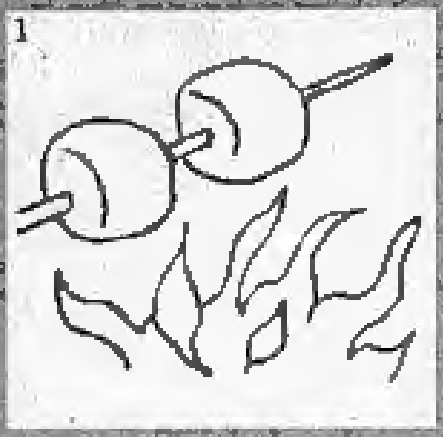

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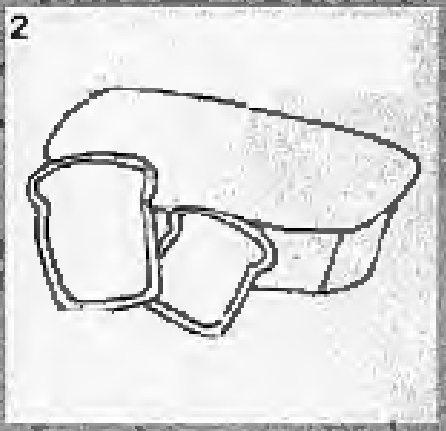

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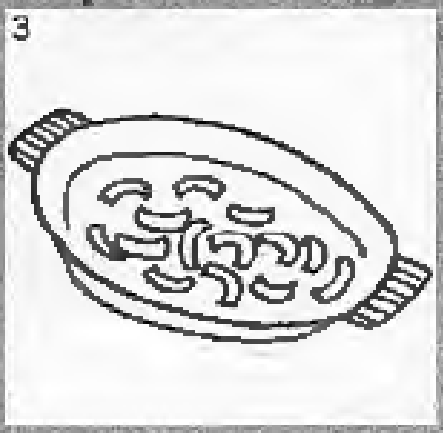

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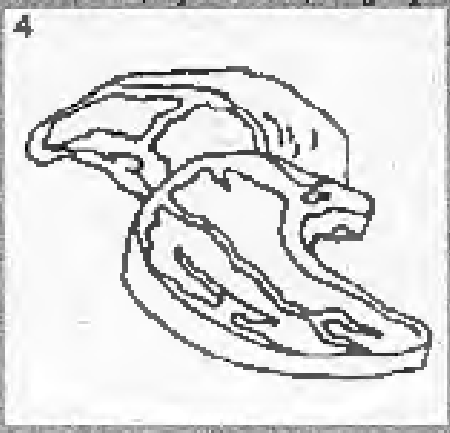

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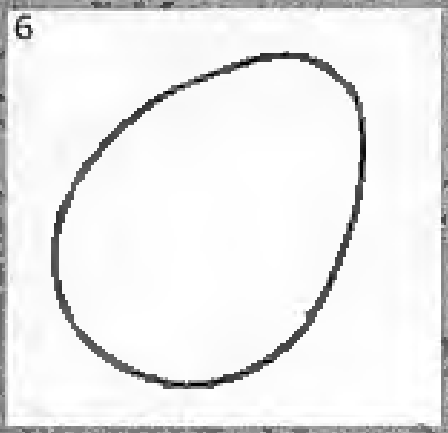

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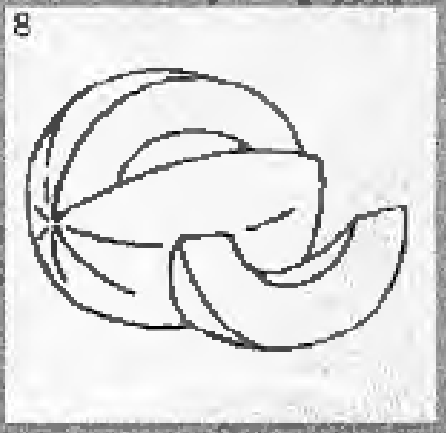

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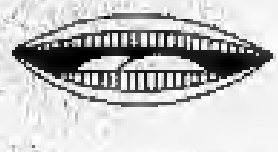
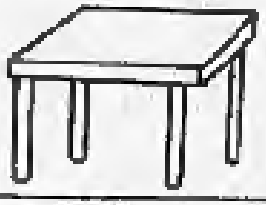
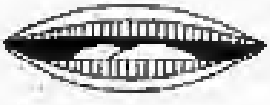
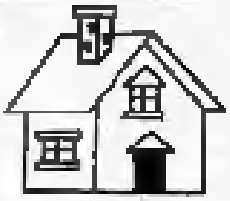
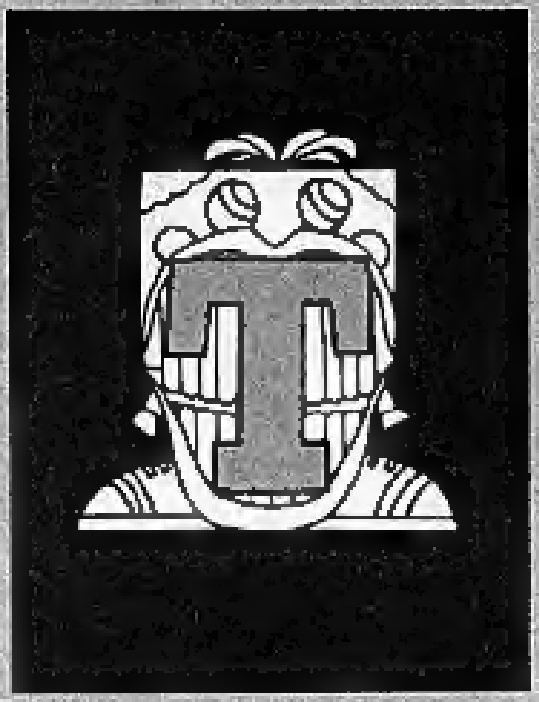
	✓	
		X
 		



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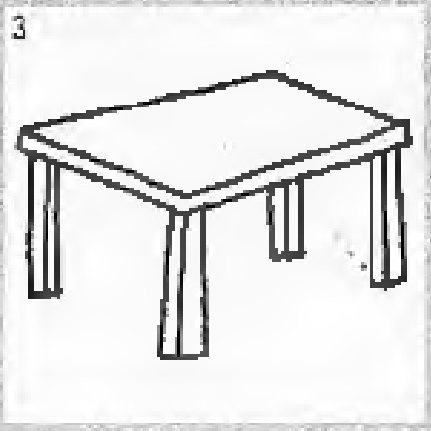

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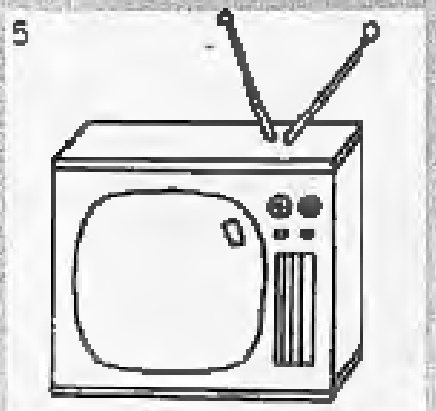

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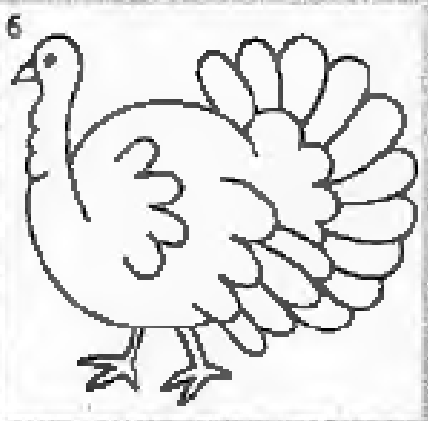

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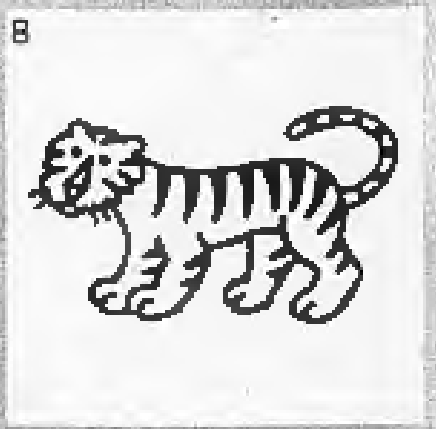
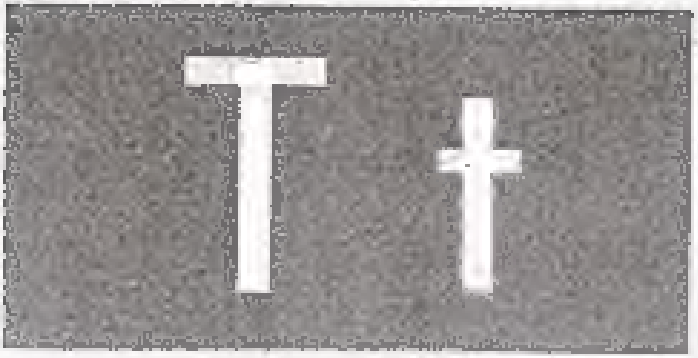
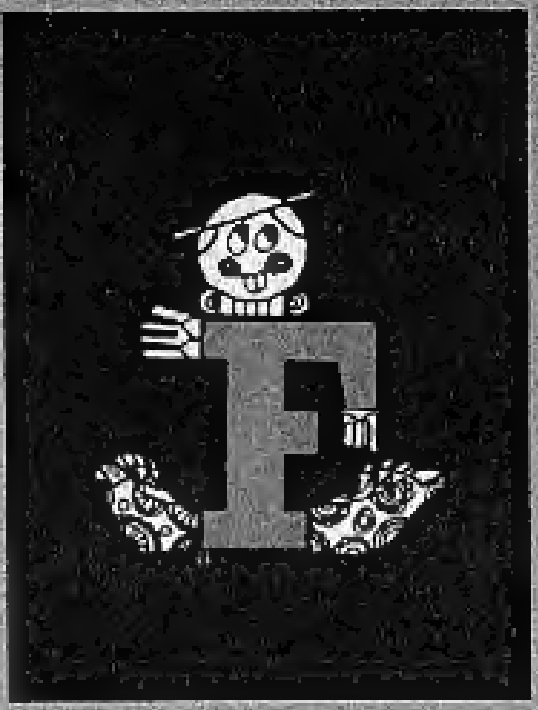




Tarleton, the Tapping Turkey

Tippy tap, tippy tap, tippy tap, tap!
Tarleton Turkey goes tap, tap, tap.
Tarleton has tapped ever since he was tiny,
Tap, tap, tap, in his shoes bright and shiny.
Whenever Tarleton goes tap, tap, tap,
The ducks, the geese, and chickens all clap.
One day he ran out, and then he was free
To take talent tests and appear on TV.



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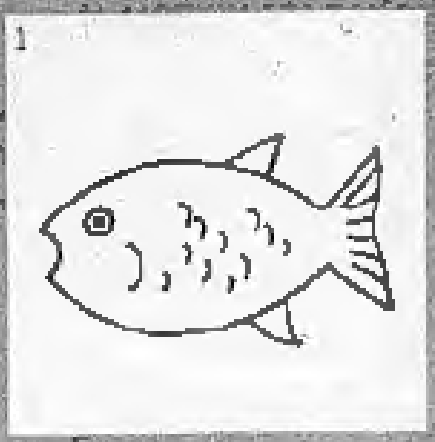

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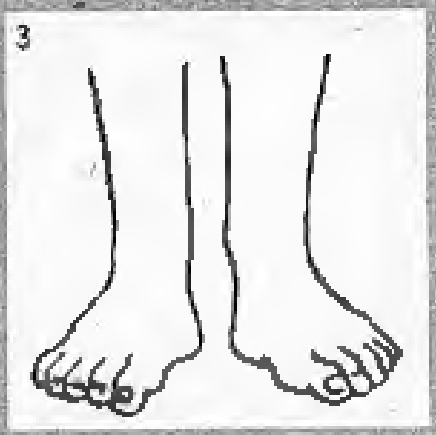

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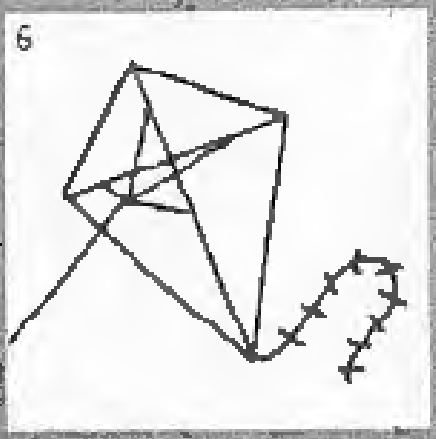

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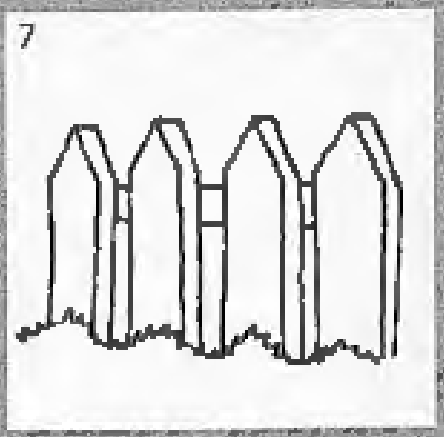

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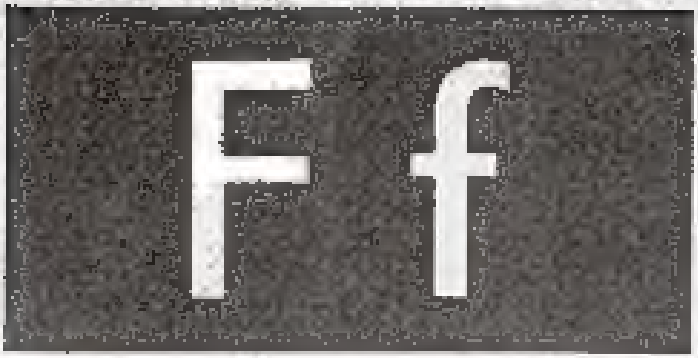
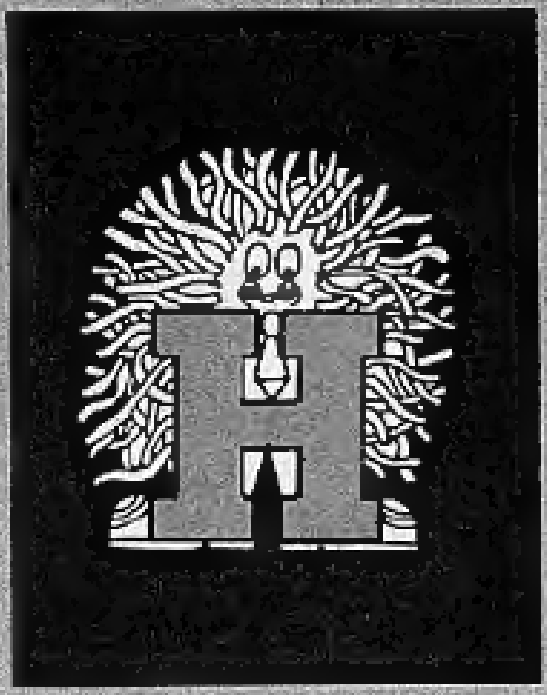


Foolish, Foolish Fish

Mr. Fish, as you swim by,
I notice there is fear in your eye.
Finding food is never fun,
Foolish, foolish, fearful one.
Don't feel so sad and so forlorn;
You've found your food since you were born.
There's fine food if you'll only look,
But don't be fooled by a fishing hook.



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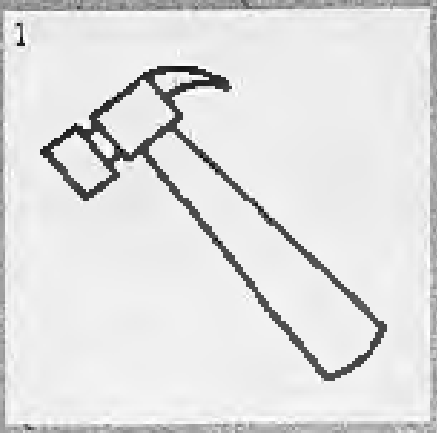

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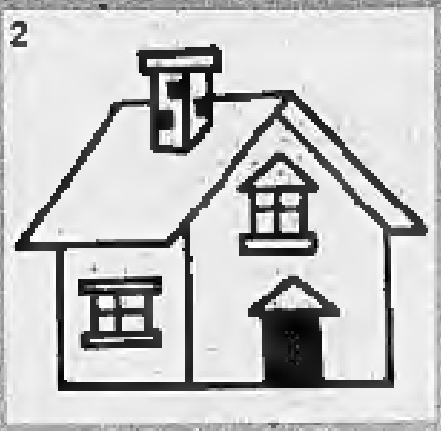

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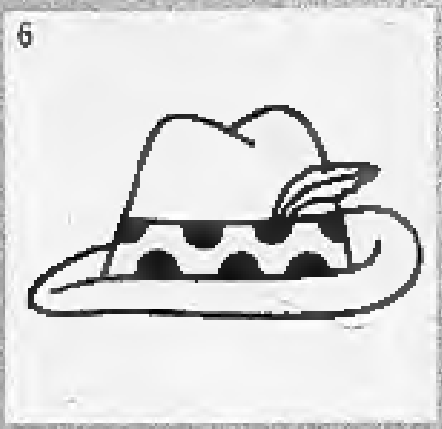

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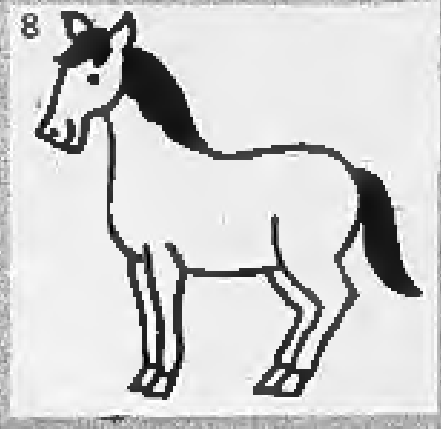
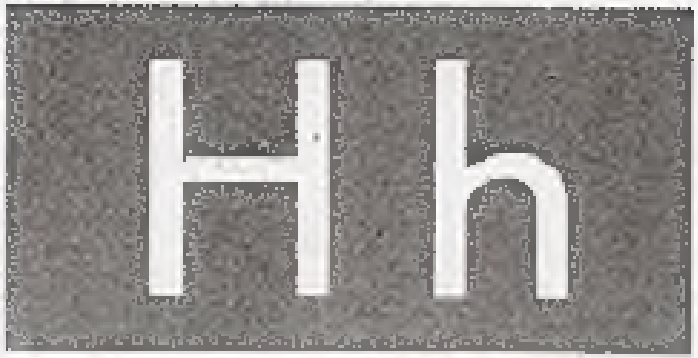
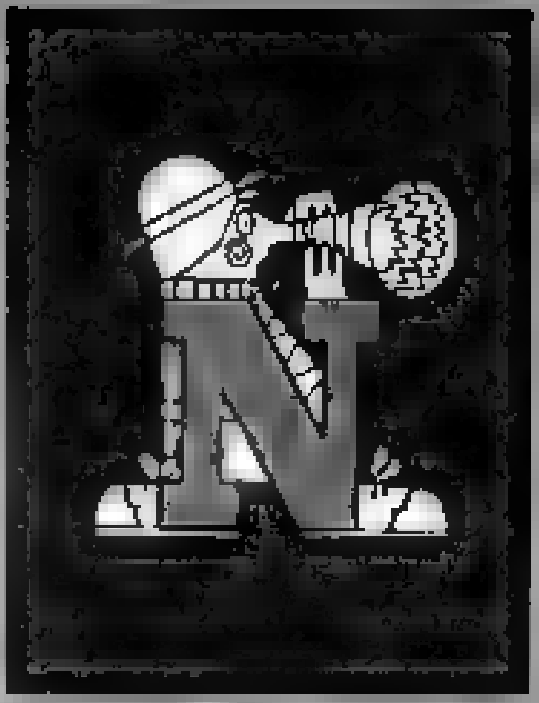




The Horrible Haircut

My heart is heavy at each report
That I have to have my hair cut short.
How happy I'd be if mother would stop
Taking me to the barber's shop.
Though the barber says, "I won't hurt you,"
Cuts always hurt; I know they do!
He won't touch me; he wouldn't dare!
No hateful haircuts for Horrible Hair.



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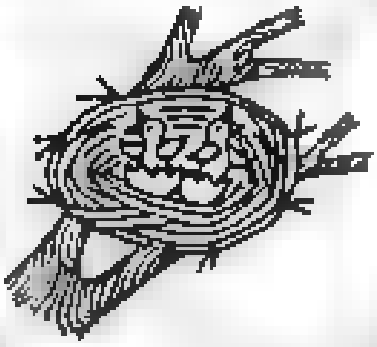

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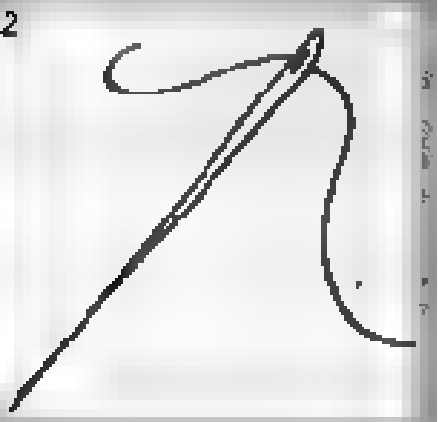

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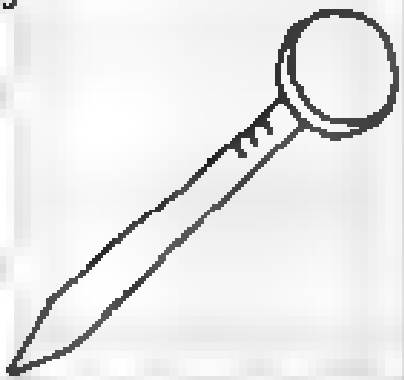

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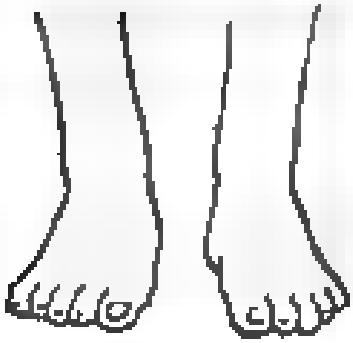

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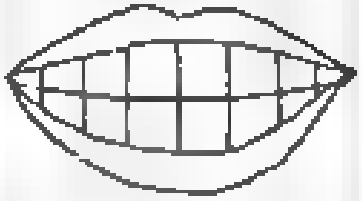

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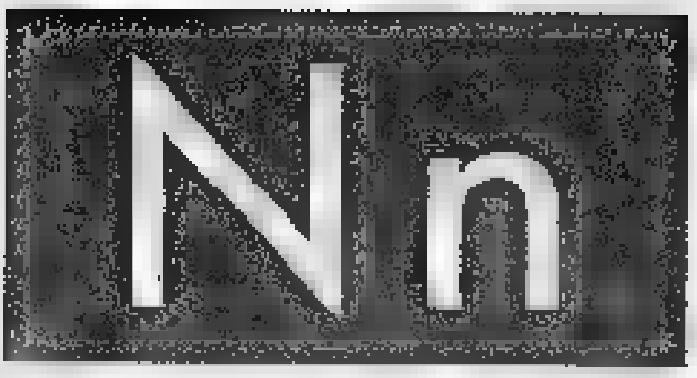

Naughty Nettie

Normally when people can't sleep,
They count nice little nibbling sheep.
Now Naughty Nettie counts rows of noses;
But the number of noses she never discloses.
She only admits that the number is great,
And that it has neither a nine nor an eight.
Nothing and no one has named the right number
Of noses counted in Nettie's slumber.

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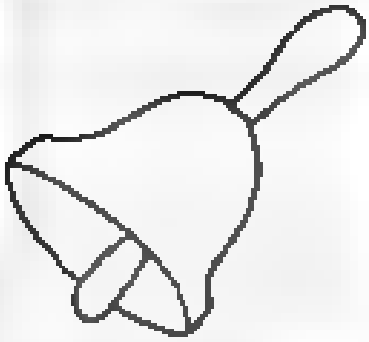

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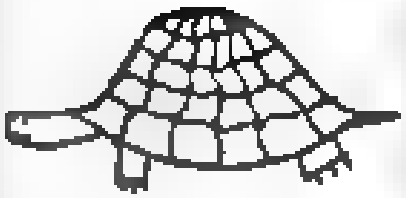

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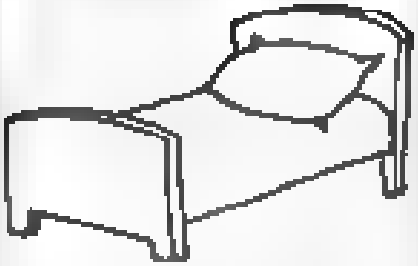

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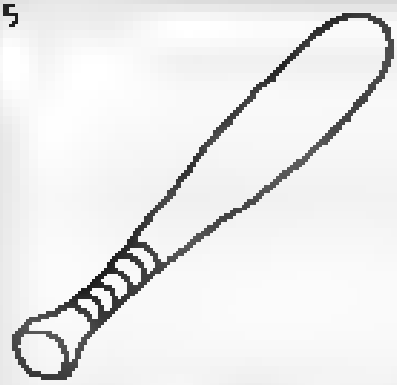

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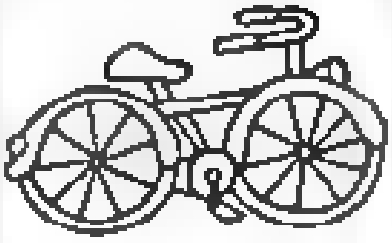

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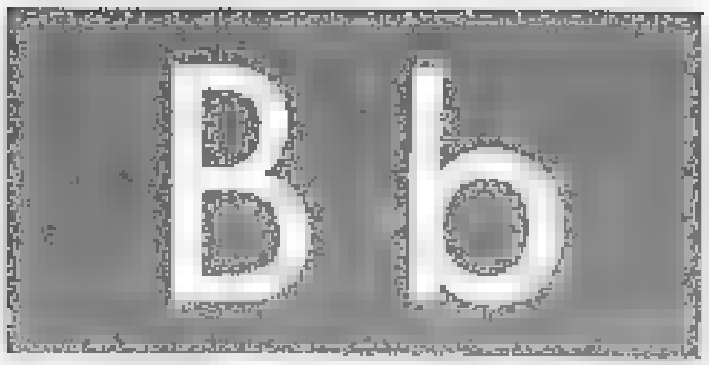
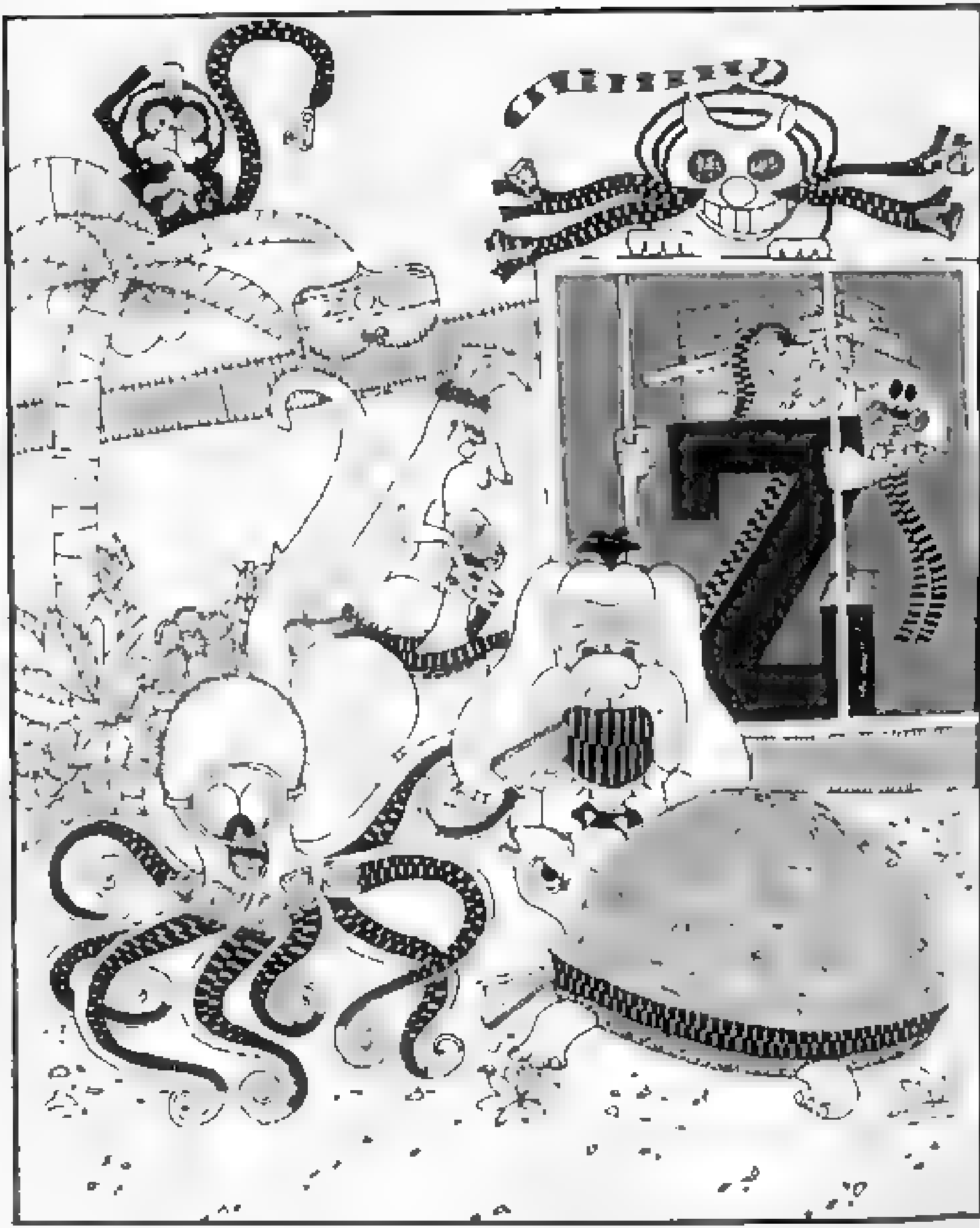


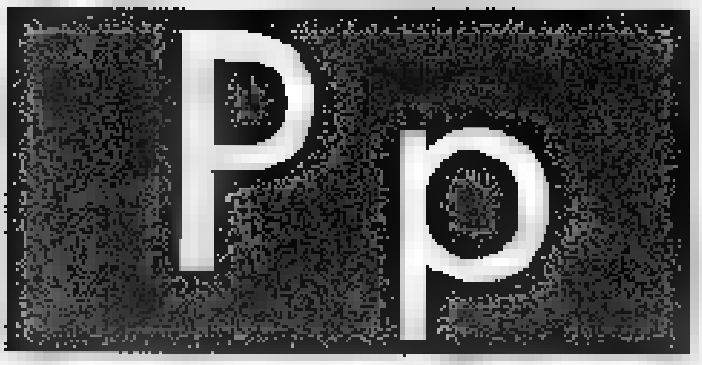
Bouncing Bertha

Bouncing Bertha is a beautiful bubble
Who never ever gets into troub.e.
She plays with the bumblebees in the spring,
And bounces a.ong when baby birds sing.
She bounces with bullfrogs on the bay
And bumps into bushes on her way.
She's a buddy to all she meets in her path,
But Bertha is bashful in a bubble bath.



Zevelyn Zurtle

Hello, here I am. I'm Zevelyn Zurtle.
My shell has a zipper; I look like a turtle.
I zig zag along with the greatest of ease,
And unzip my shell whenever I please.
I look very strange, so I know what I'll do:
I'll ask the zoo keeper for a place in the zoo.



Pancake Palace

At the Pancake Palace in Picnic Park,
People buy pancakes until it gets dark.
There are packaged pancakes and pancake pie
Made of puffy pink pastry that pleases the eye.
You have poppy-seed pancakes or pancake pickle.
Pay a penny for one or pick five for a nickel.
The Pancake Palace is a perfect place
For a pancake party or pancake race.

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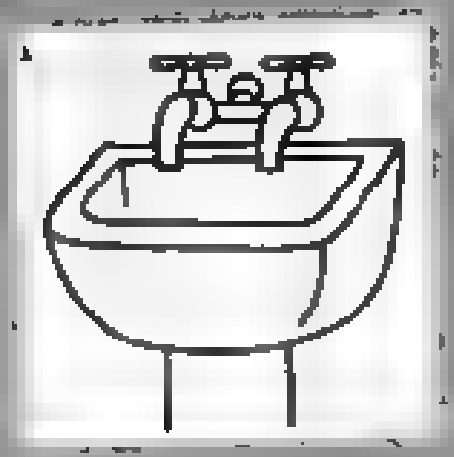
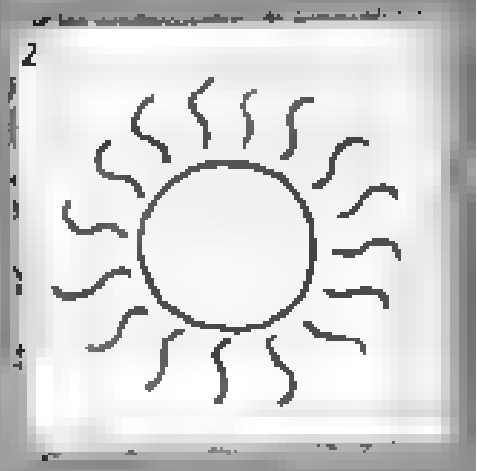
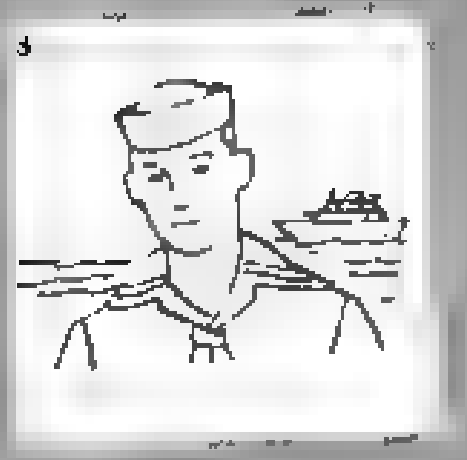
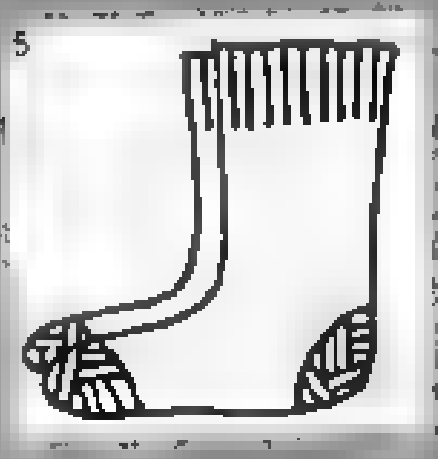
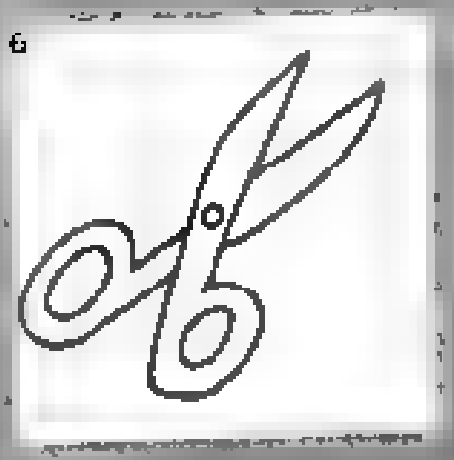
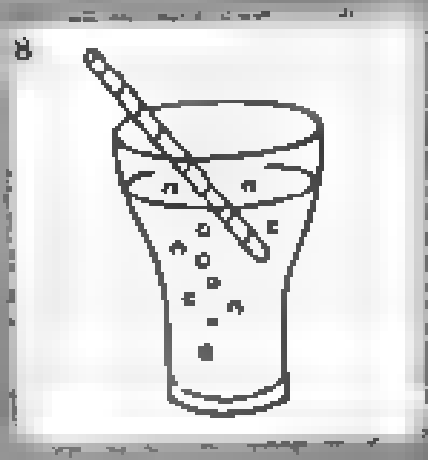






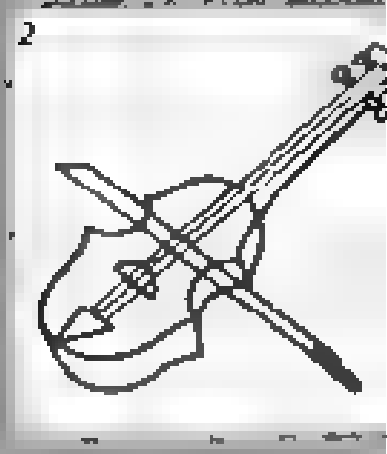


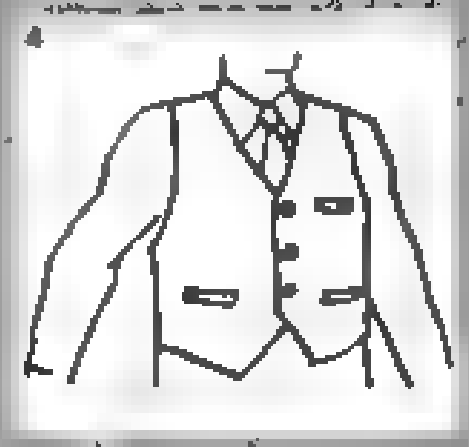


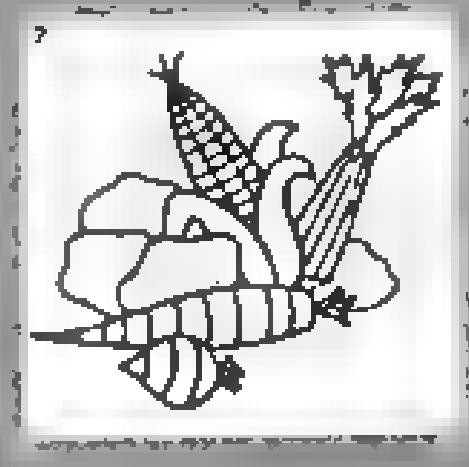


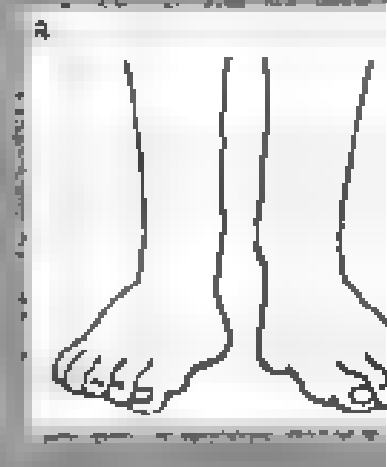
Secret Places

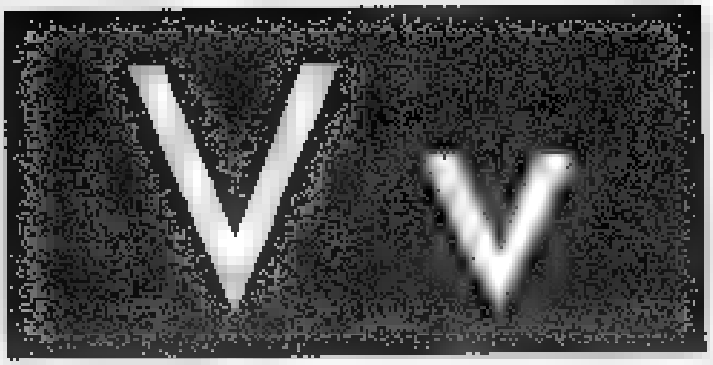
Some days I like to sit and dream
Of silly places I've never seen.
I simply sit in my secret chair,
And sail and soar most anywhere.
I sometimes see such pretty sights
As summer scenes and silver lights.
I save my secrets for when I return,
So I will remember all that I learn.





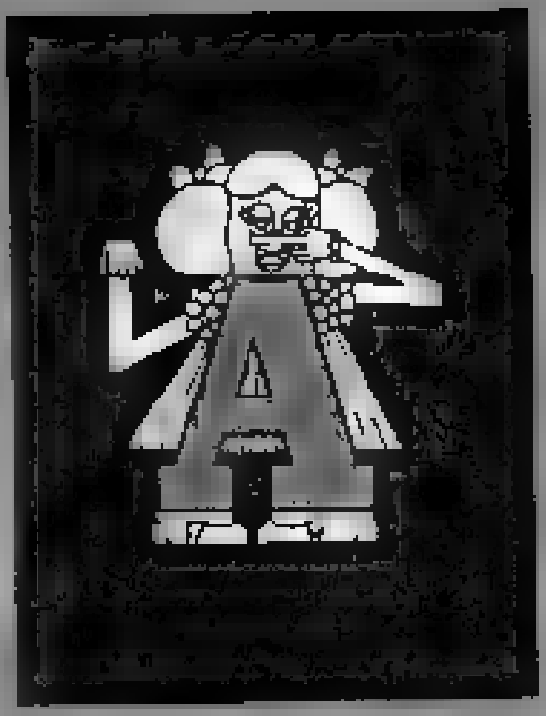


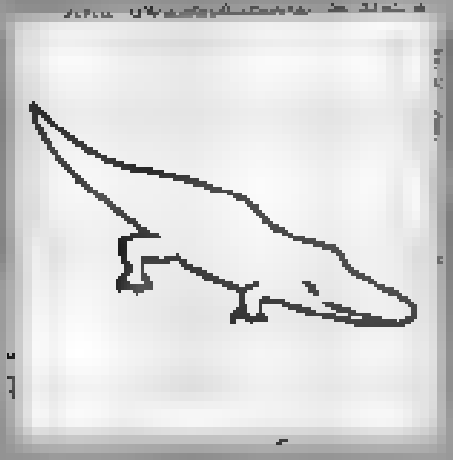


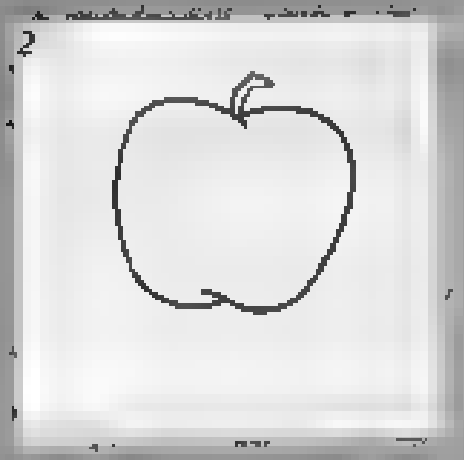


The Voice of Velma

Velma Van's voice was weak and thin
Till she took a vanilla vitamin.
Since then her voice has grown ever bigger
As the vitamin gave her more vim and vigor.
Now that Velma takes vitamin tonic,
Her voice is virtually supersonic.



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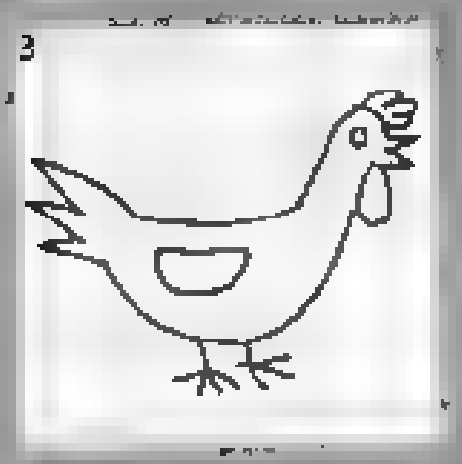
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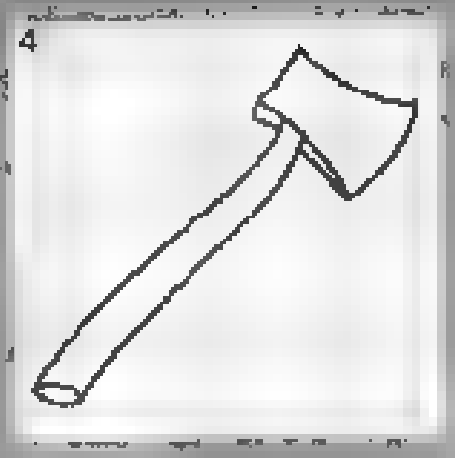
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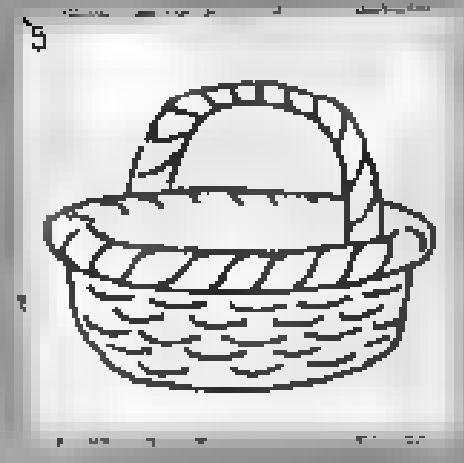
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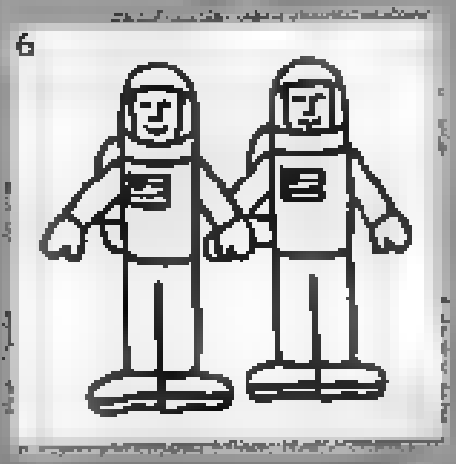
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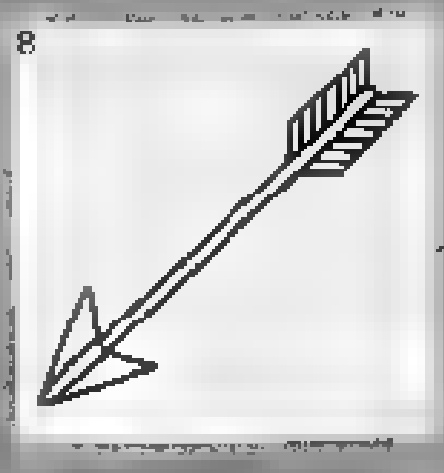
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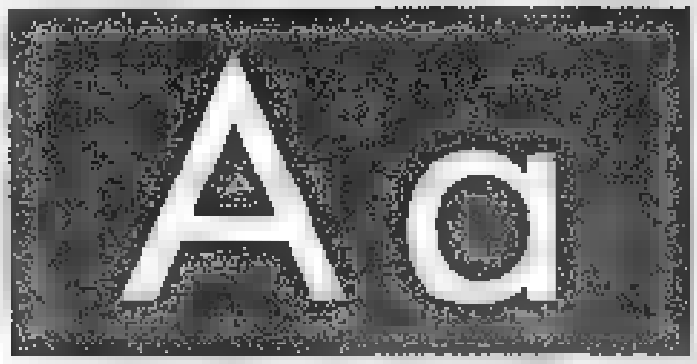
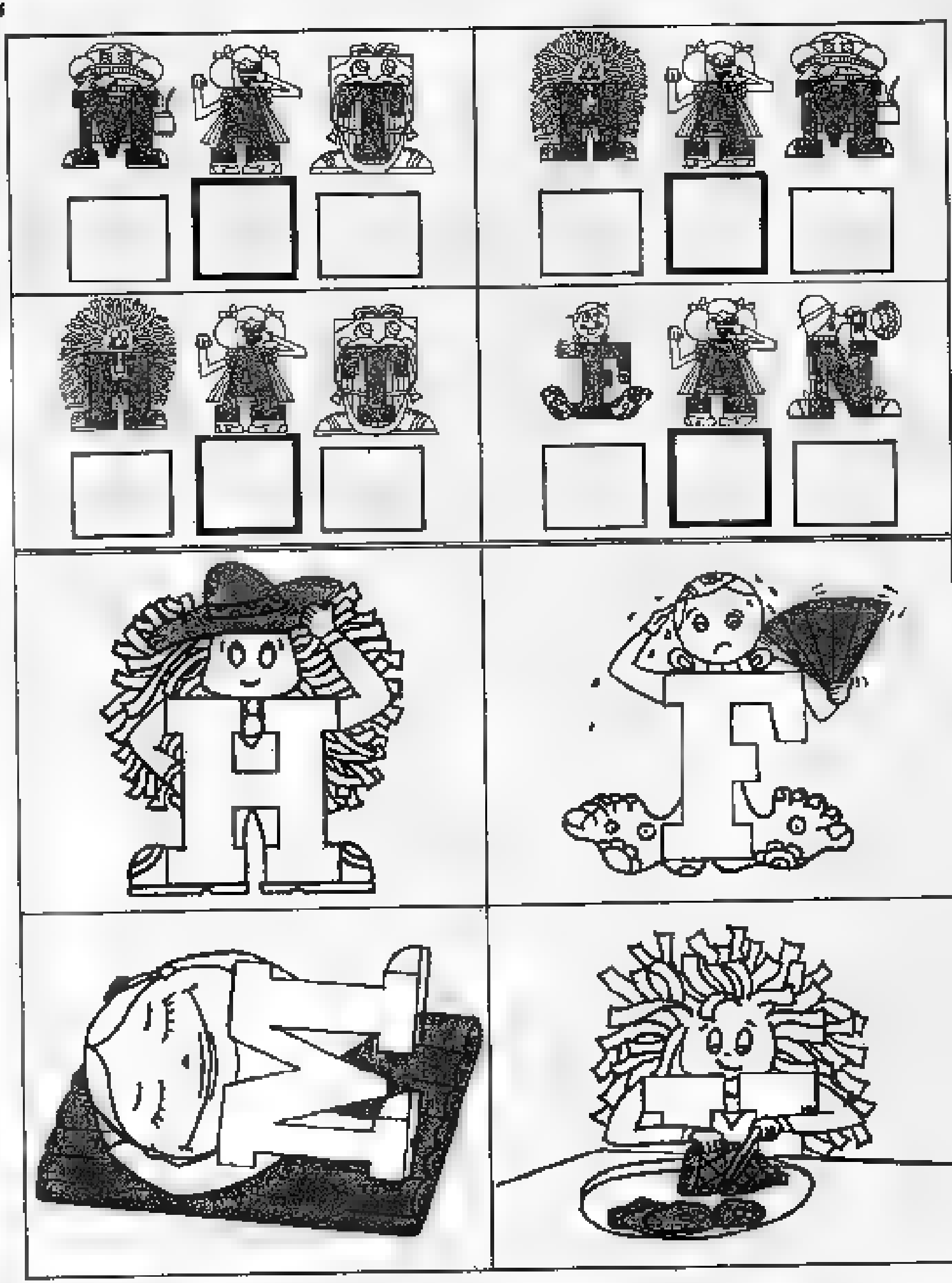
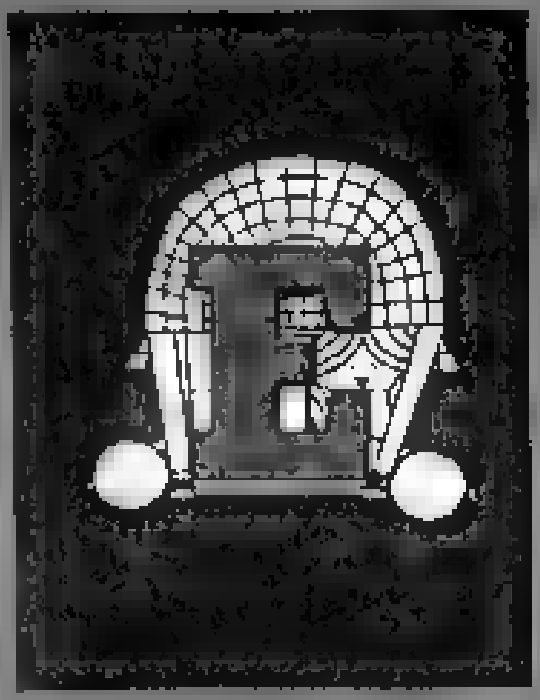
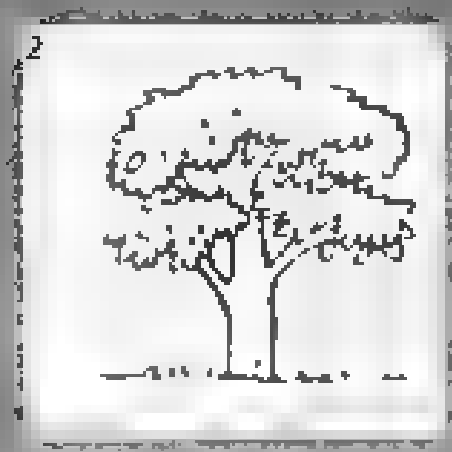


Adam's Animal Act

What Adam's animal act lacked
Was active animals who could act.
He advertised in the Daily Gazette
For an alligator, ant, and any odd pet.
So many anxious animals answered the ad
That they drove poor Adam nearly mad.
They started to fight, and after one grapple
They grabbed at Adam's Adam's apple.



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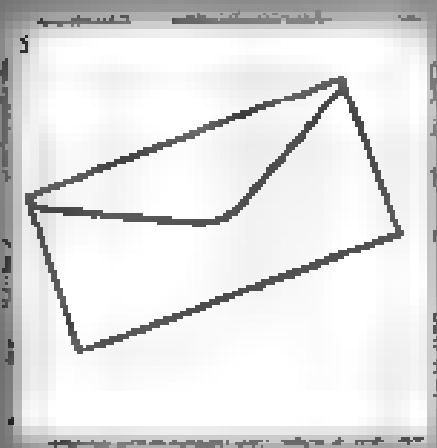
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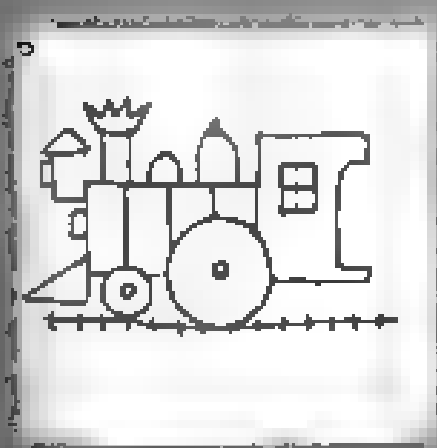
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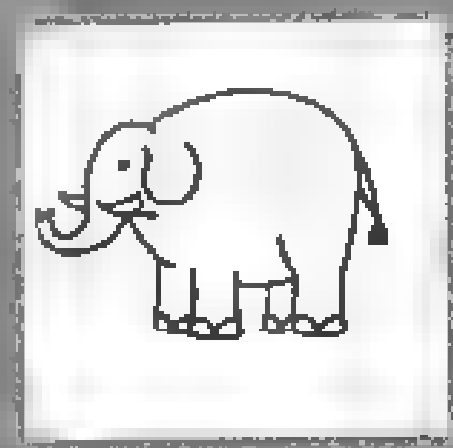

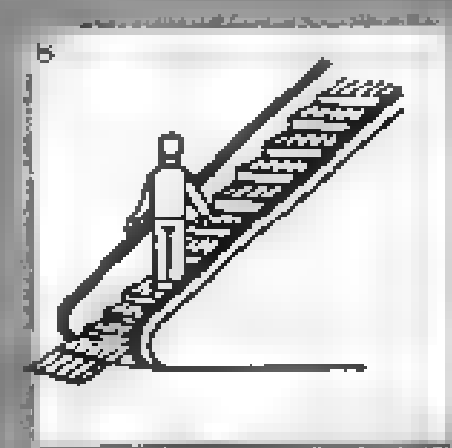
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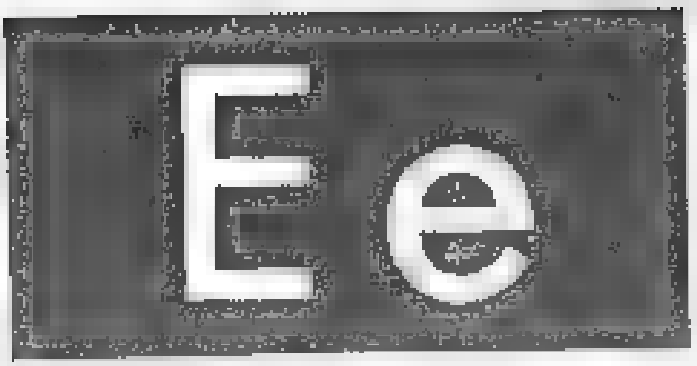
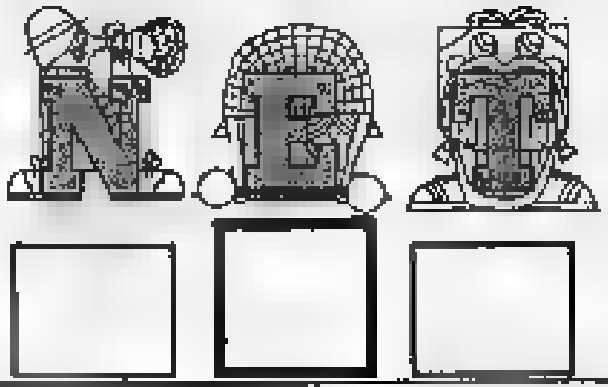
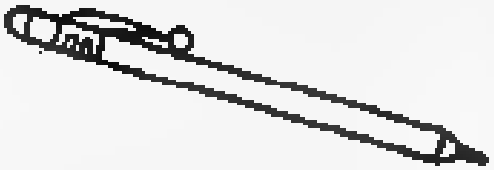
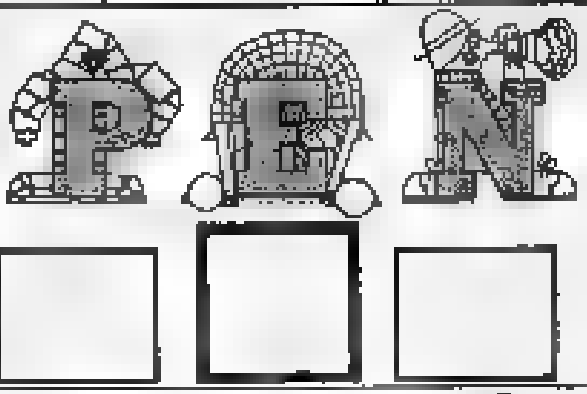


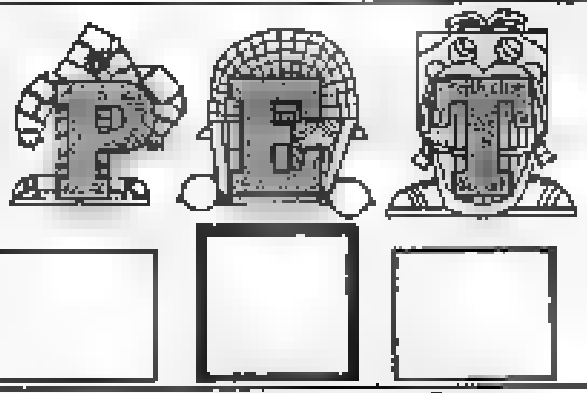
Egg

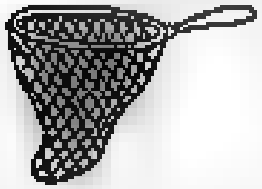
Every egg that's ever eaten
Is first fried, or boiled, or beaten.
Especially good in pie and cake,
They smell exciting as they bake.
Morning eggs at half past seven,
Eggs for snacktime at eleven.
But in the end, eggs are the best
When they are resting in a nest.

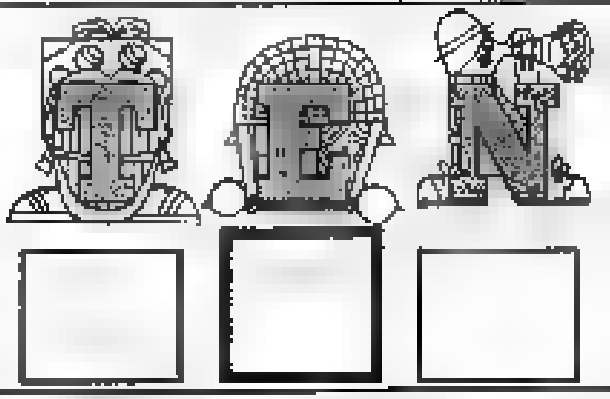


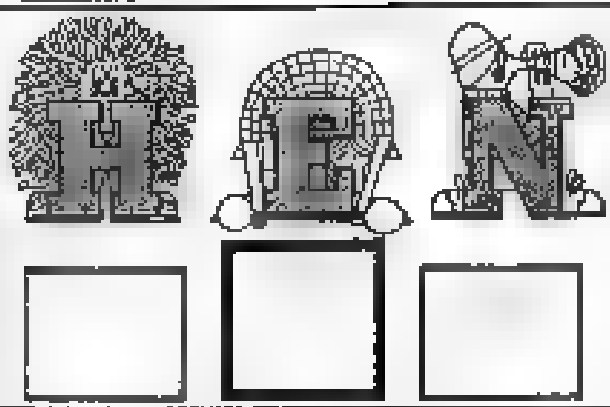












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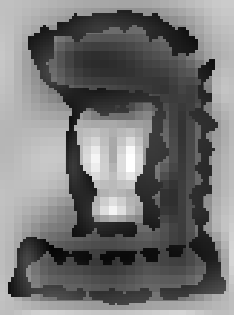
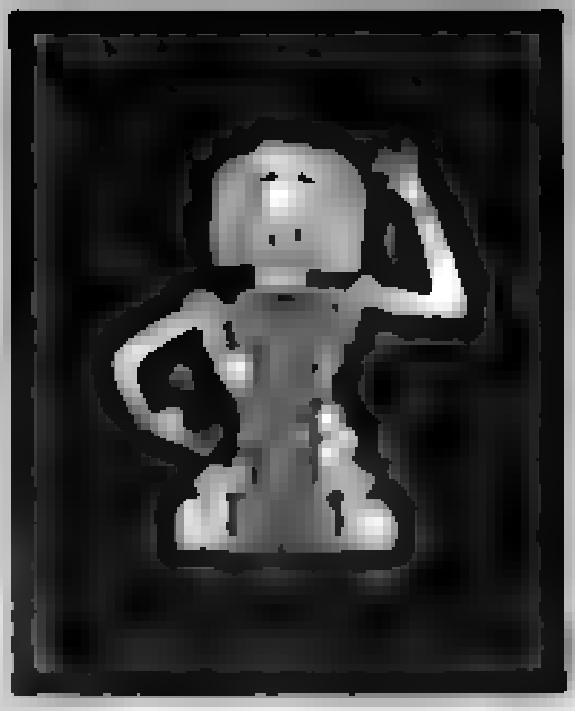
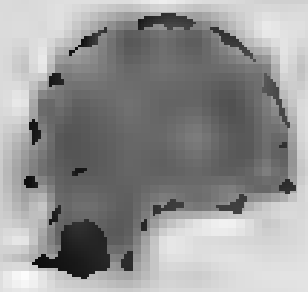
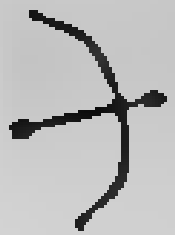
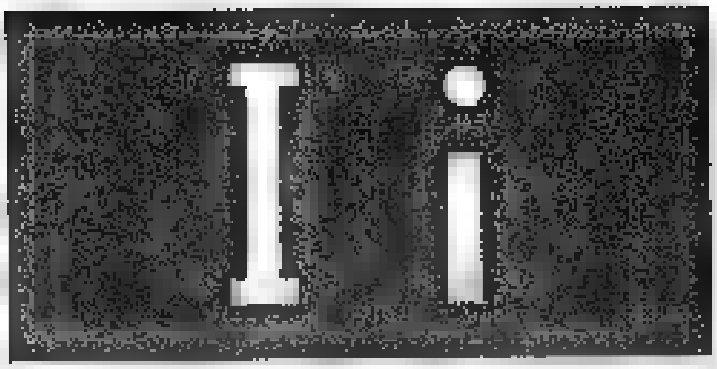




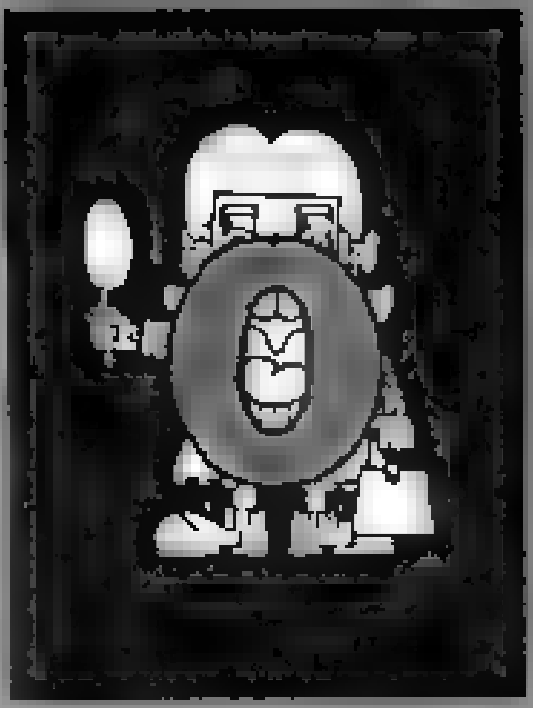






The Invisible Itch

I'm one of those invisible itches
Who keeps its victims all in stitches.
I will itch impossibly if you fight
Against prickly heat or mosquito bite.
It's a bad idea to try to scratch me;
I'm invisible. You'll never catch me.



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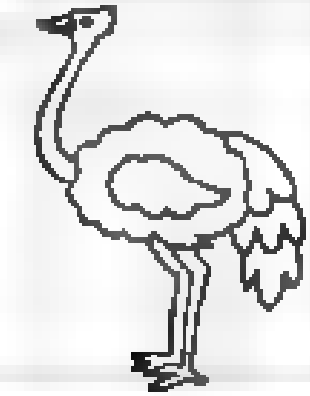

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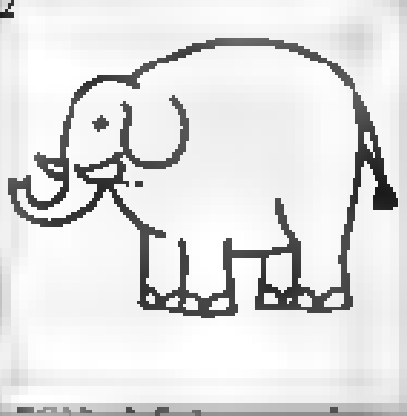

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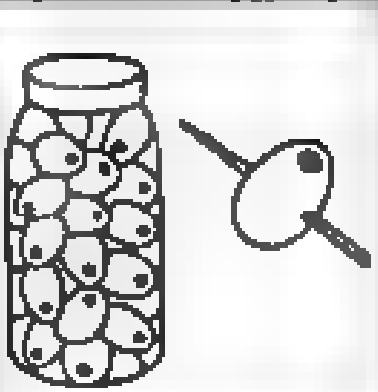

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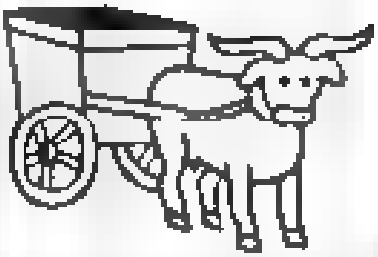

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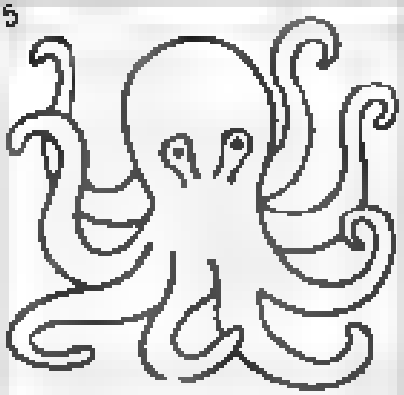

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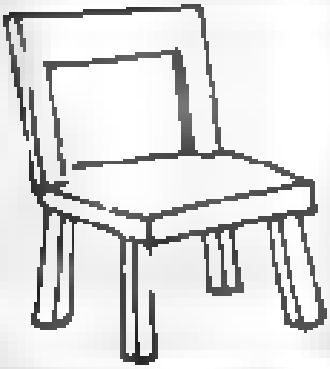

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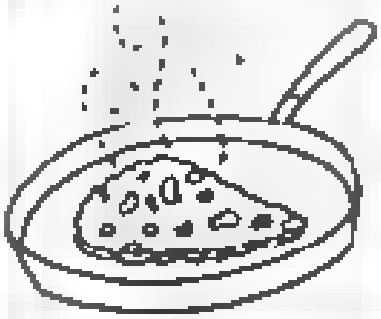

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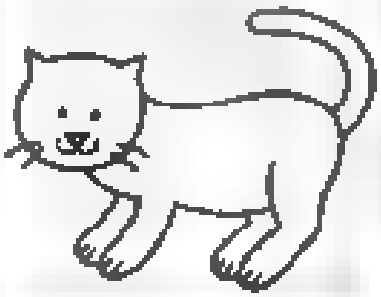
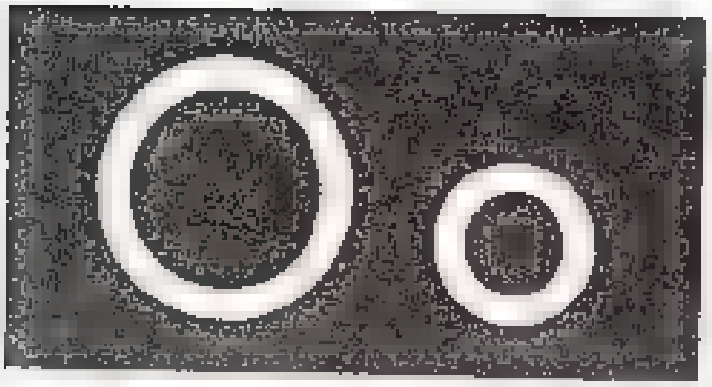
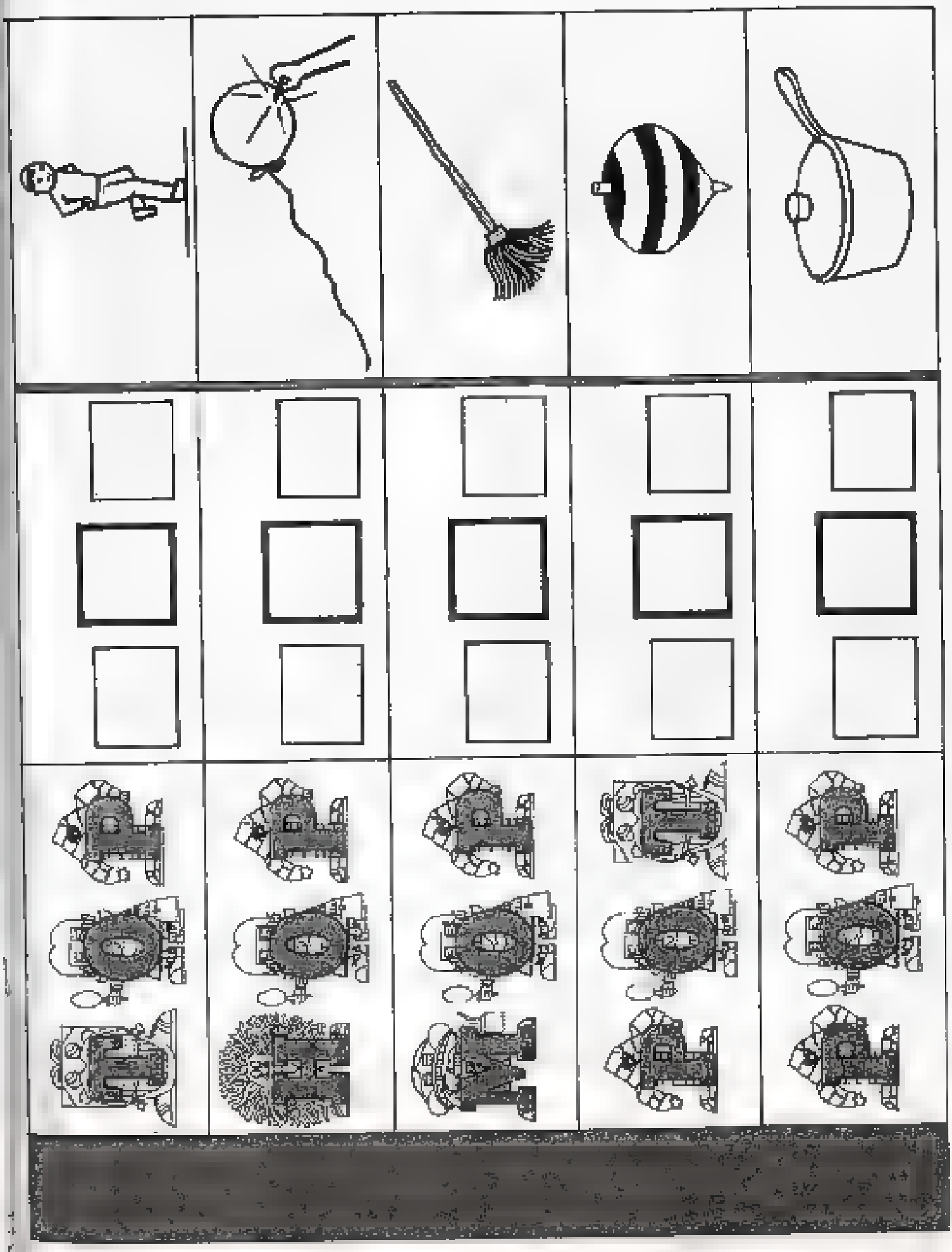




The Odd Octopus

At the end of October, I saw an odd sight
As I got on the bus on Halloween night.
I saw the oddest octopus sitting on the omnibus.
He sang melodies by the score,
Each an octave higher than before.
He seemed to be in such confusion,
He might have been an optical illusion.



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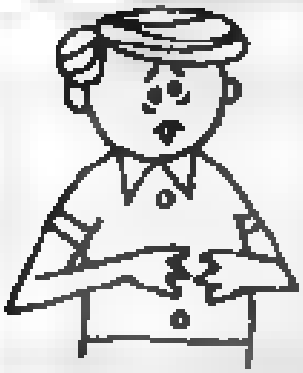

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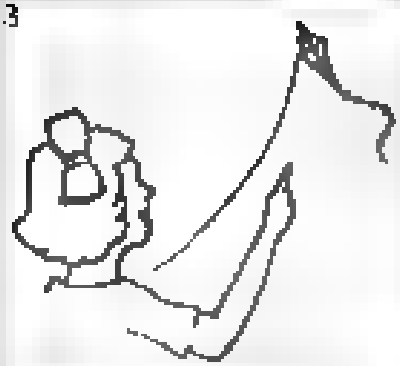

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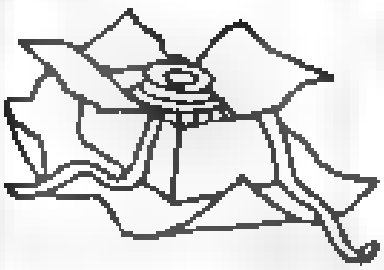

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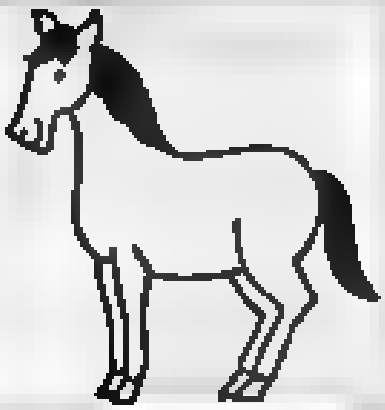

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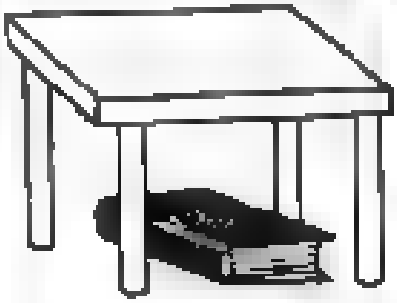

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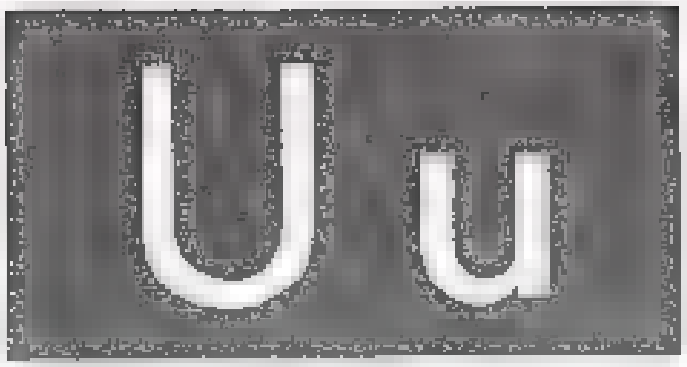
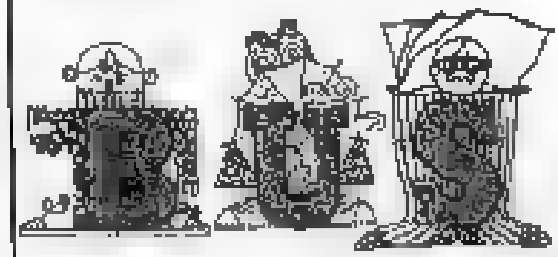
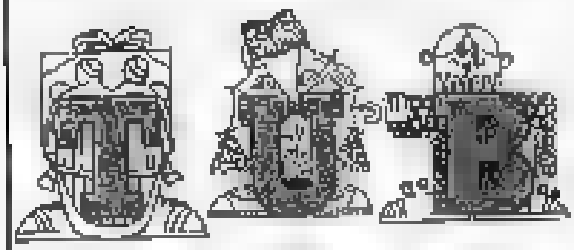
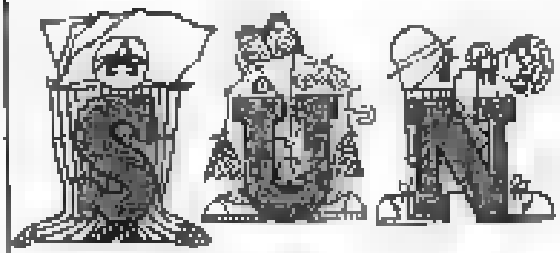


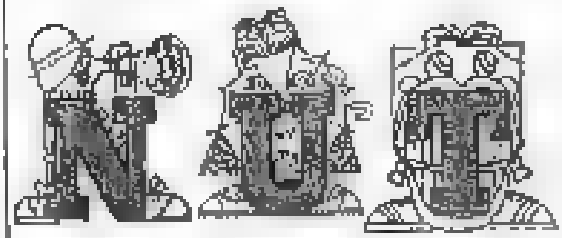
Uncle Ulver

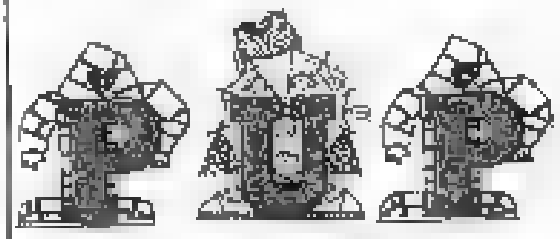
When Uncle Ulver played hide and seek,
He looked under his blindfold to take a peek.
We spun him around so he couldn't see
Until he rushed off behind a tree.
We ran up to him and looked through the leaves
And saw a sight that no one believes.
Staring at us with an unhappy frown
Was Uncle Ulver upside down.

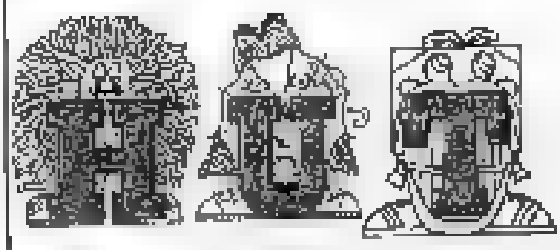


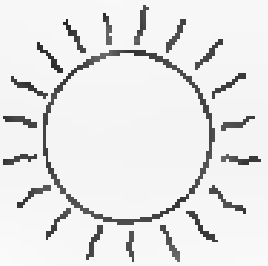


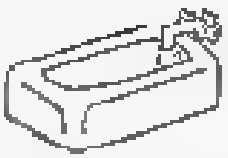


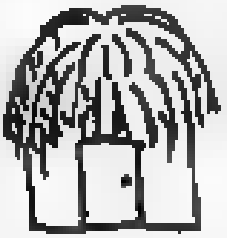












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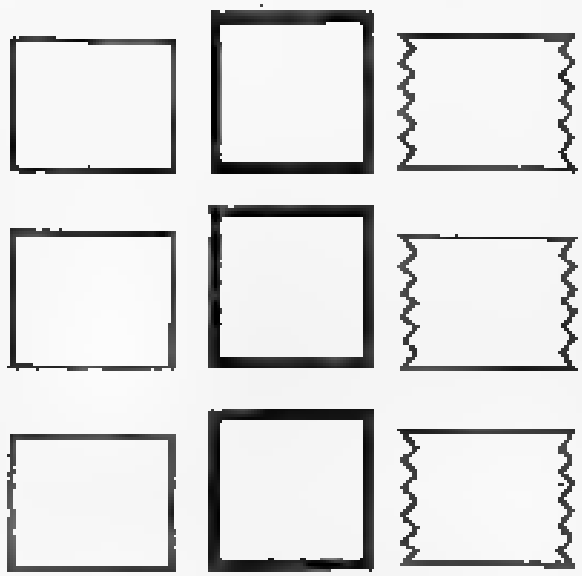
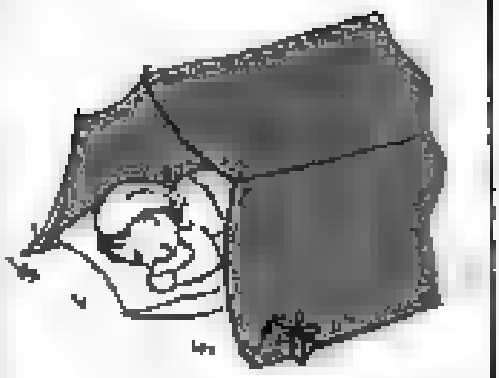
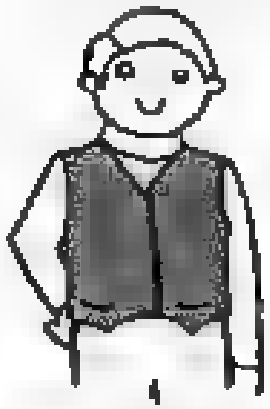
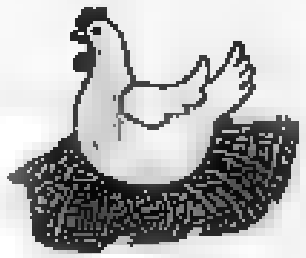




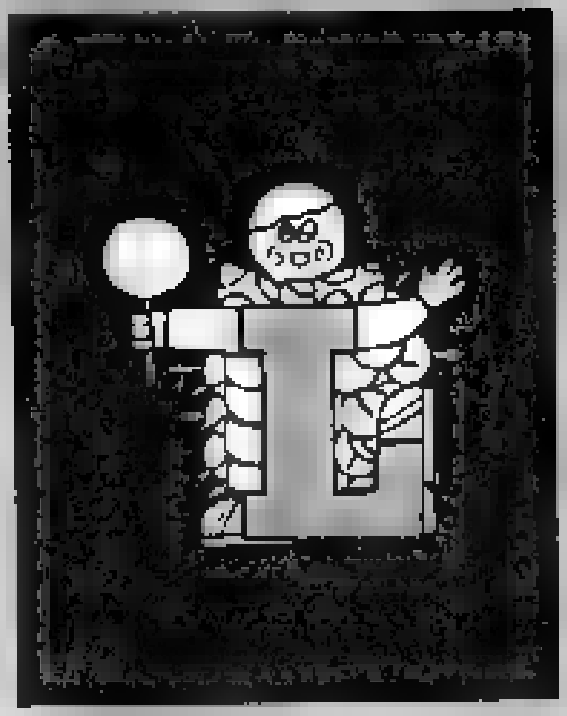




Nan naps in it. _____

Tom has it on. _____

A hen sits in it. _____



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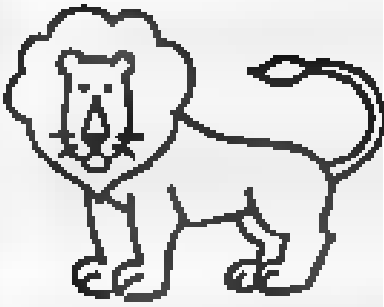

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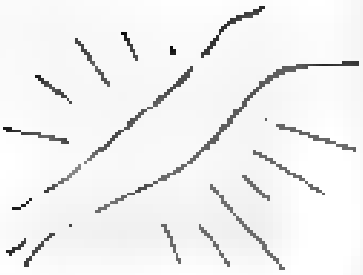

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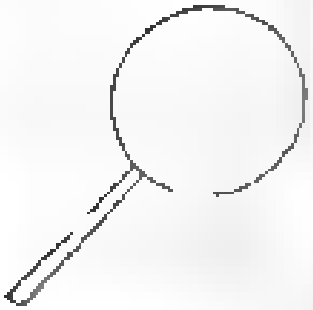

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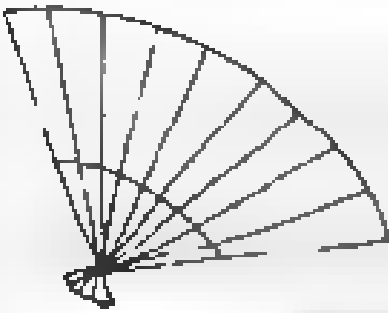

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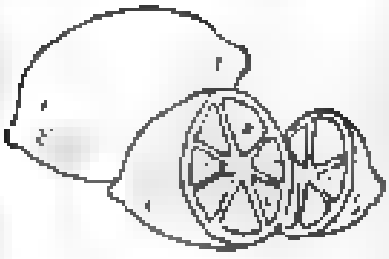

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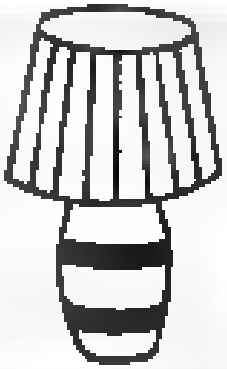

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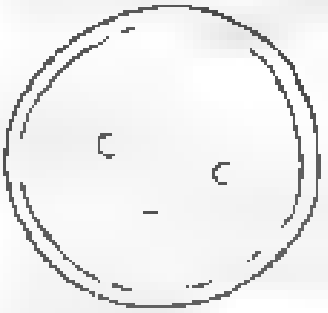

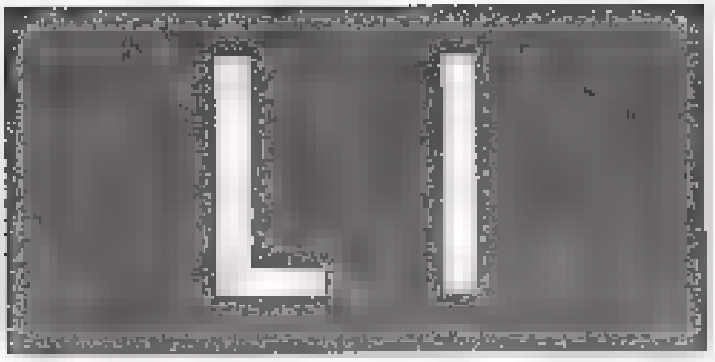

Laughing Lily

There's a laughing lily on the lake.
Someone has made a little mistake.
There's lilting laughter on lawn and hill;
Laughing Lily won't be still.
Keep quiet, laugher; don't act silly!
A laugher can not be a lily.

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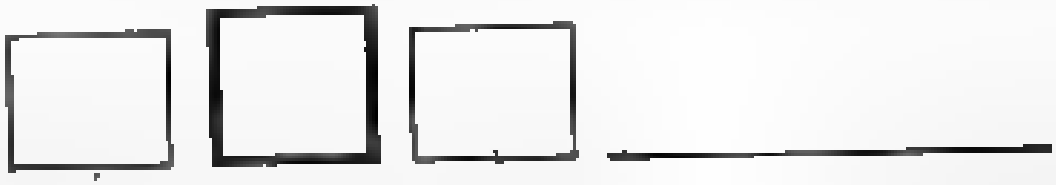

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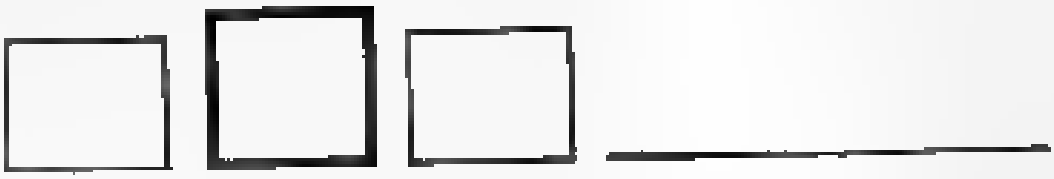

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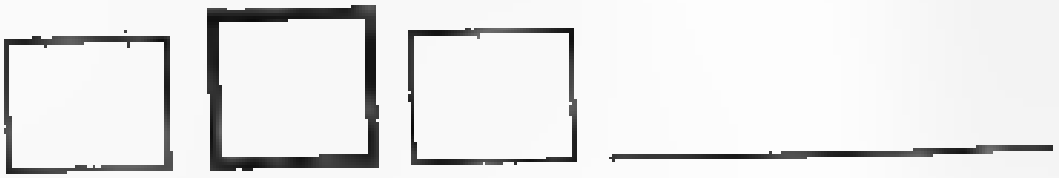

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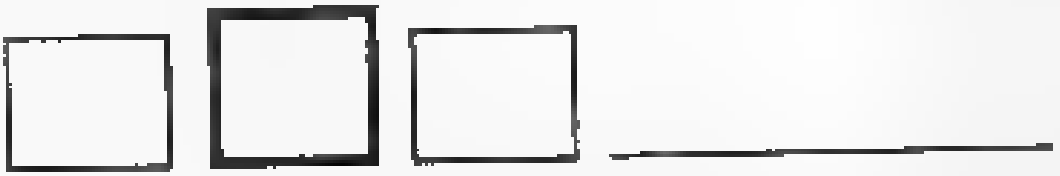

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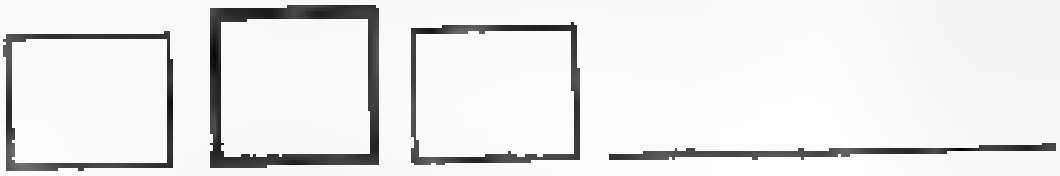

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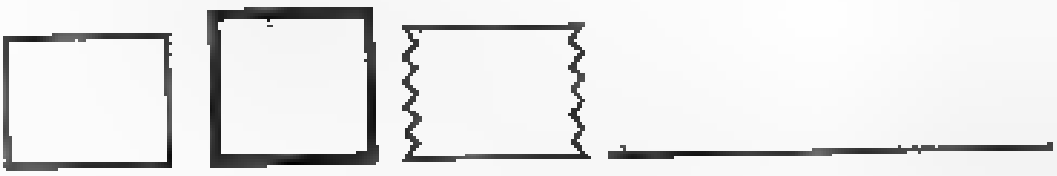

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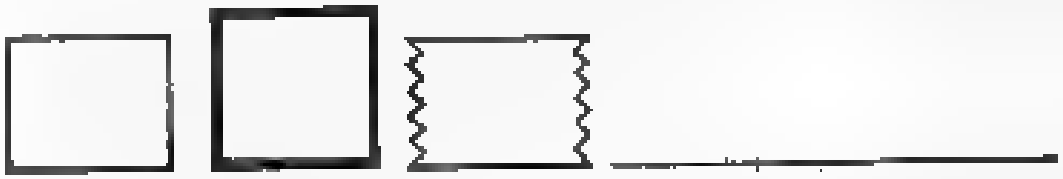

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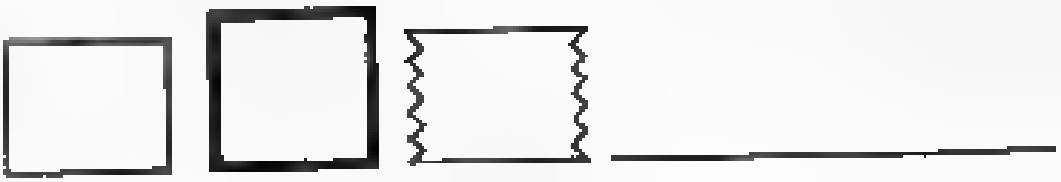

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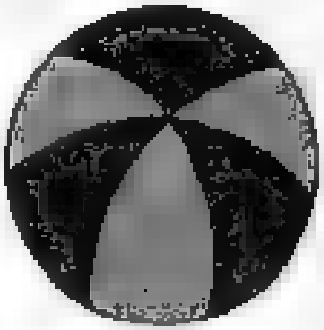

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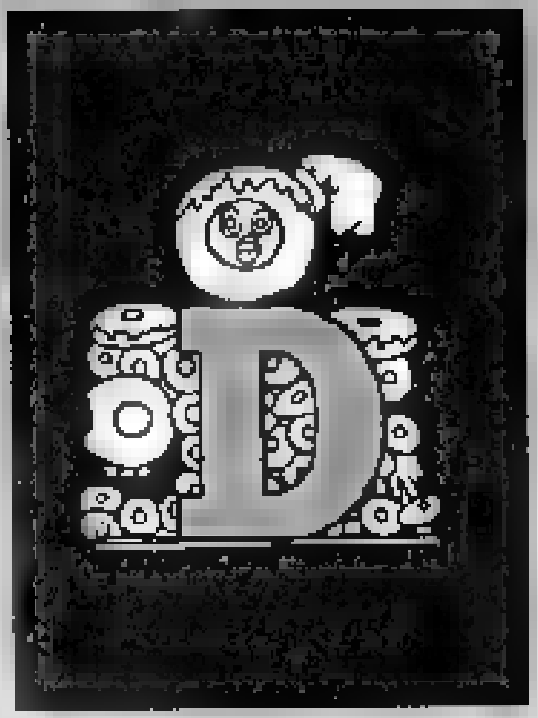

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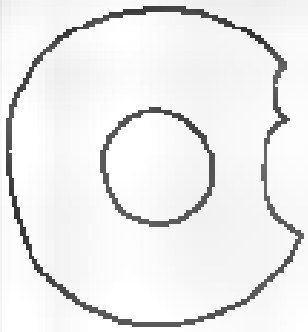

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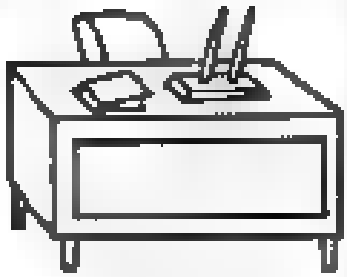

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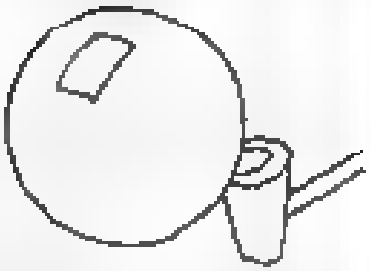

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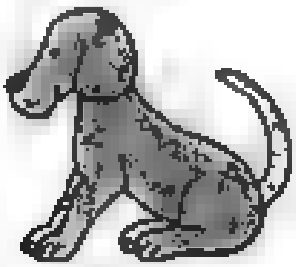

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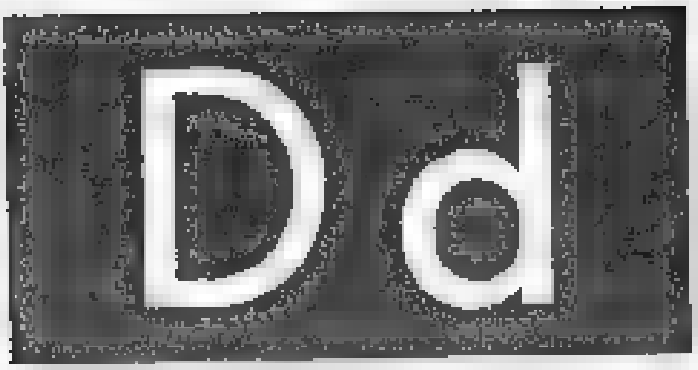

Daisy, Daisy

Dear, dear, I do wish I could go
To be d scovered in a flower show.
If I had a color that was pretty,
I'd dazzle the judges in the city.
If I were a daisy in yellow or pink
I'd be a darling, don't you think?
I just don't think it is quite right,
That I should be left all pale and white.

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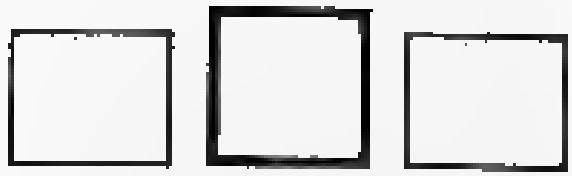

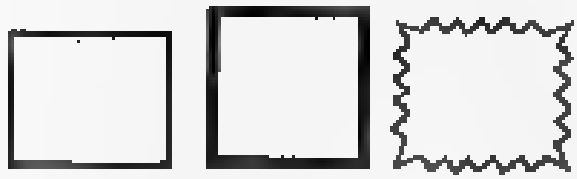

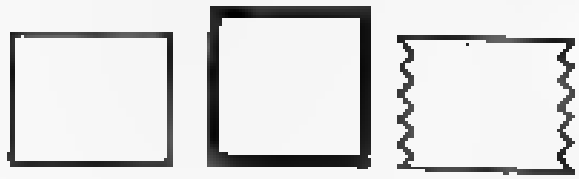

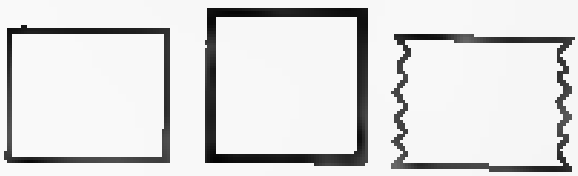

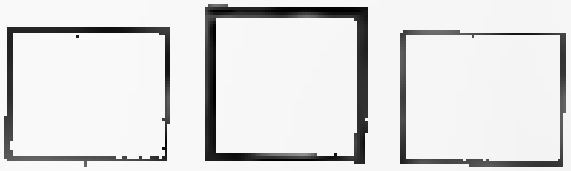

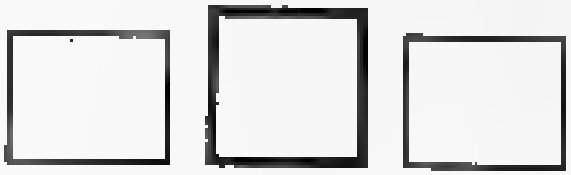

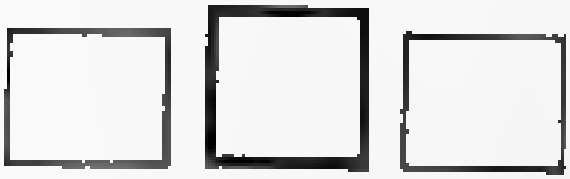

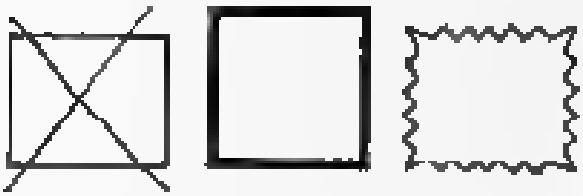

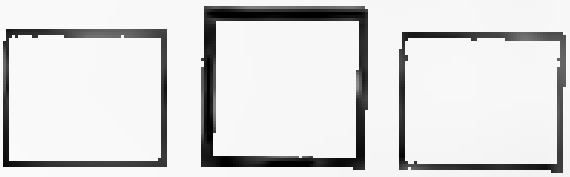

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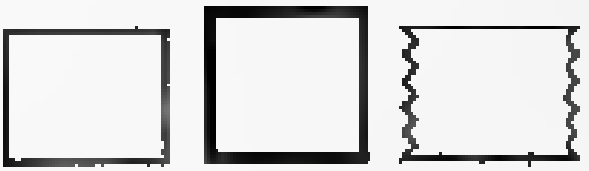

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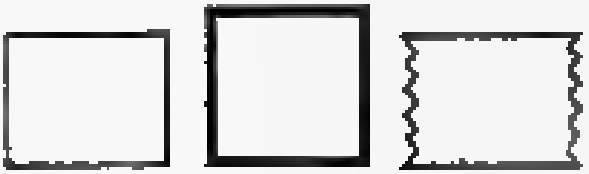

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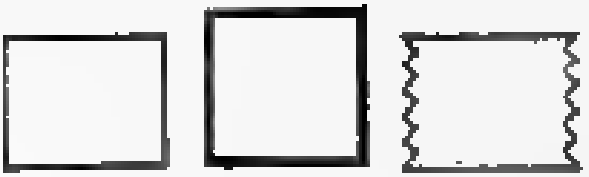

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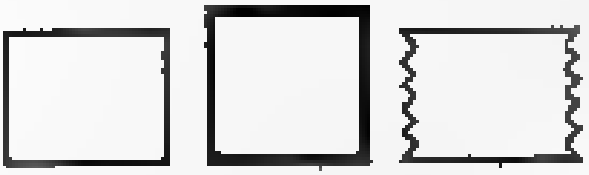

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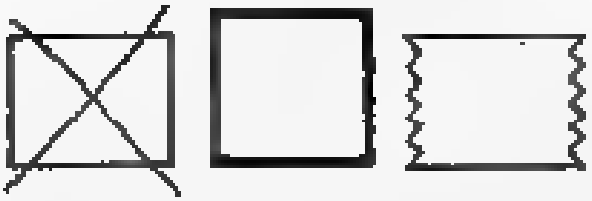

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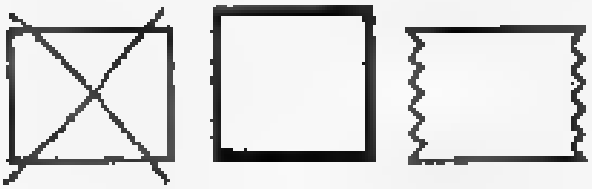

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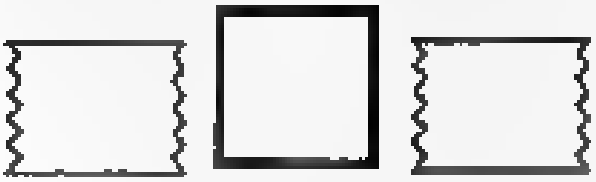

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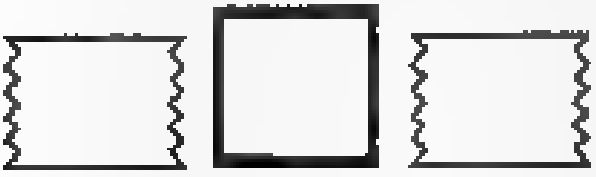

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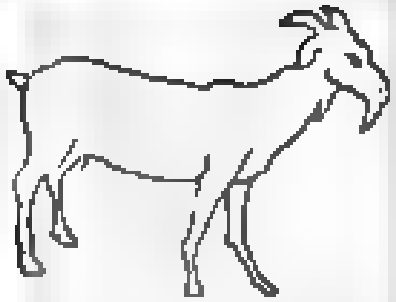

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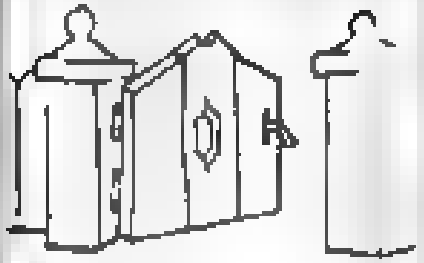

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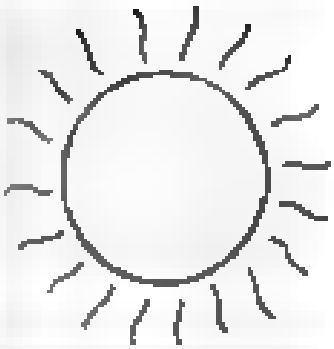

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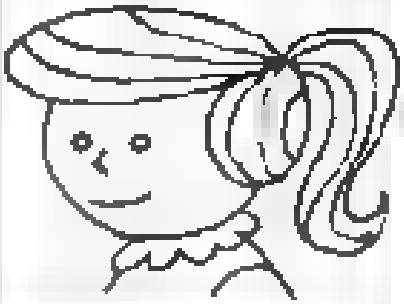

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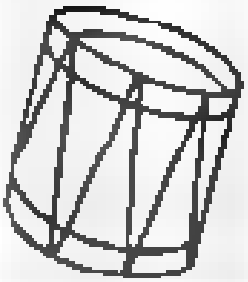

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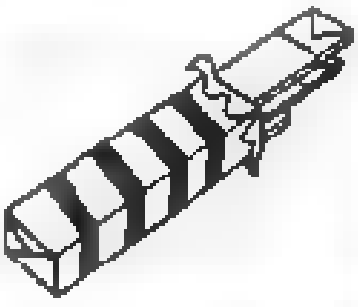

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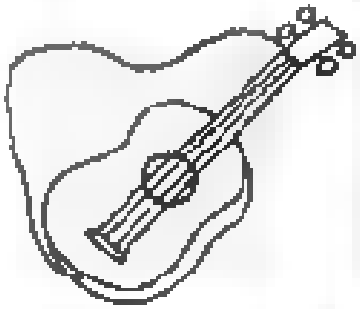

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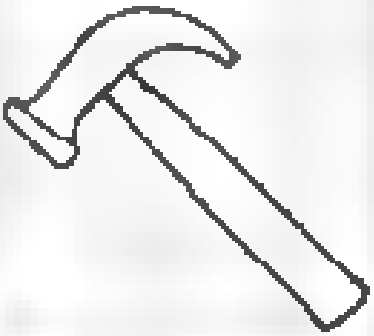

Garson the Garbage Truck

Garson the Garbage Truck is always seen
Near garden and gutter getting things clean.
Lined up on the street there's garbage galore
By building, garage, and jewelry store.
The garbage machinery makes lots of noise
As it gobbles galoshes and old broken toys.
The garbage collectors are a good crew;
They get all the garbage before they are through.

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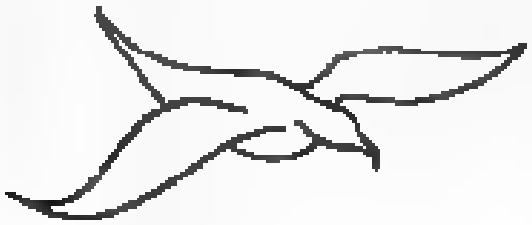

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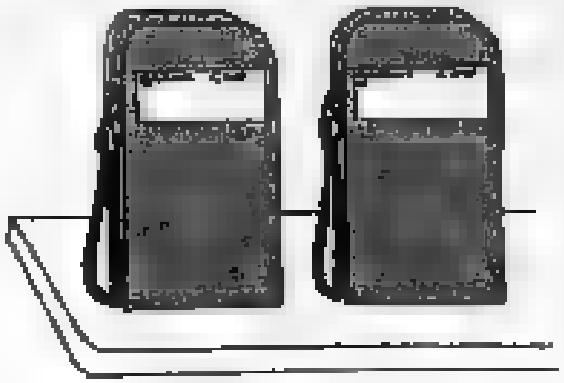

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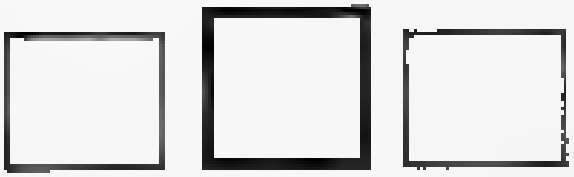
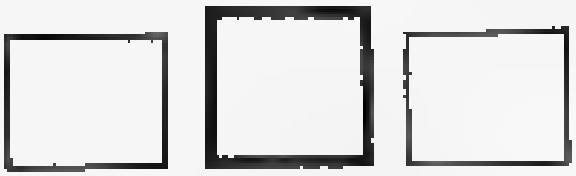
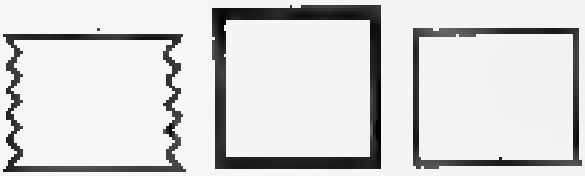
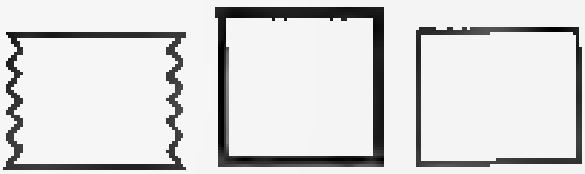
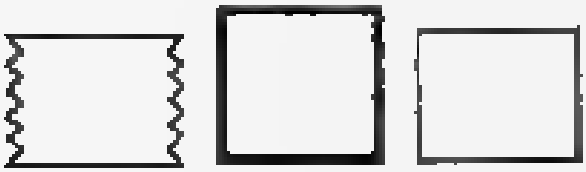
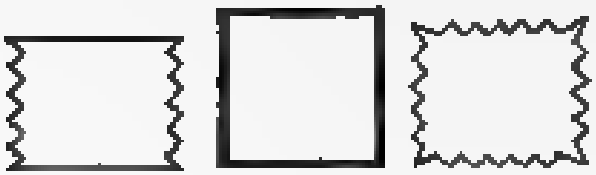
2 big 

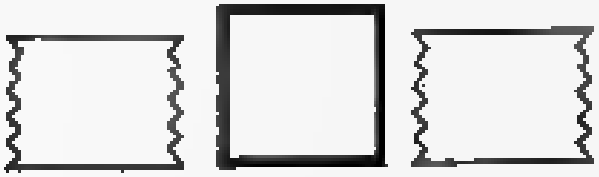
3 hug 

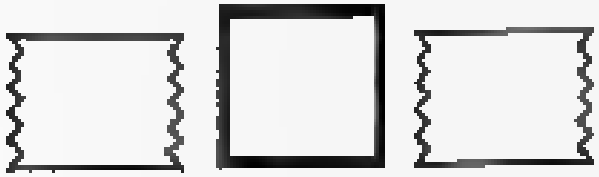
4 flag 

5 glad 

6 glum 

7 glass 

8 glint 

9 gland 

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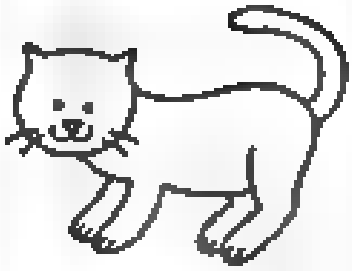

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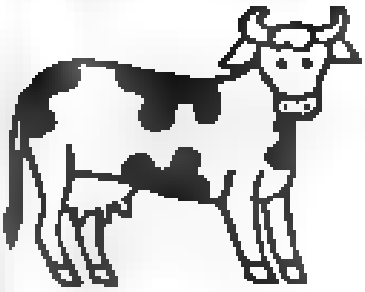

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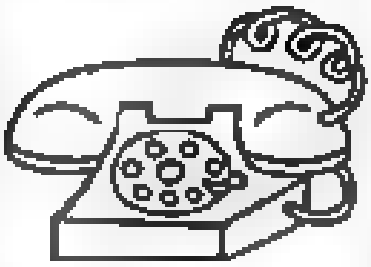

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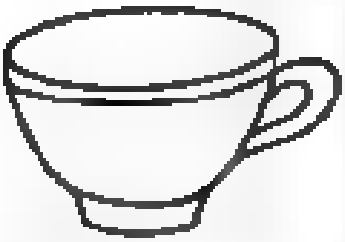

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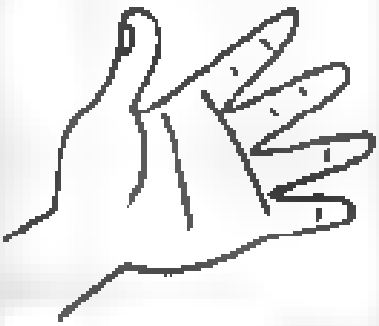

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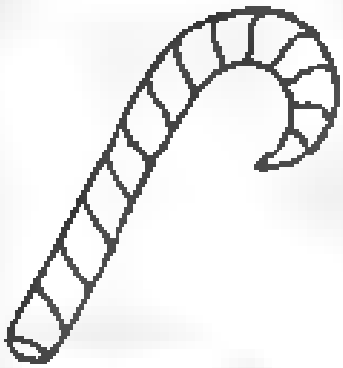

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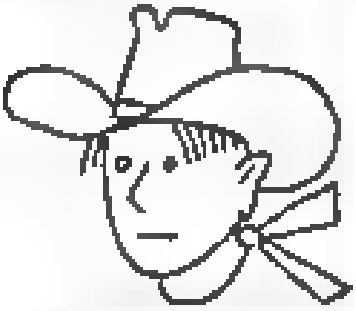

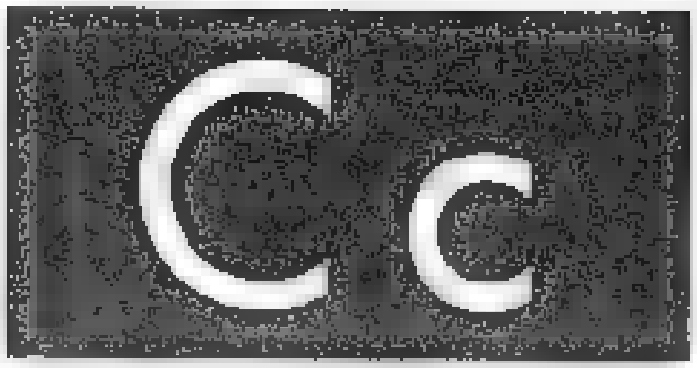

Corky Car

I am cocky Corky Car.
I could travel fast and far,
But the driver in my driver's seat
Drives so carefully down the street.
Now, if he only had the nerve,
I'd screech and swerve at every curve.
Caroom, caroom! Caroom, caroom!
At every corner, zoom! Caroom!

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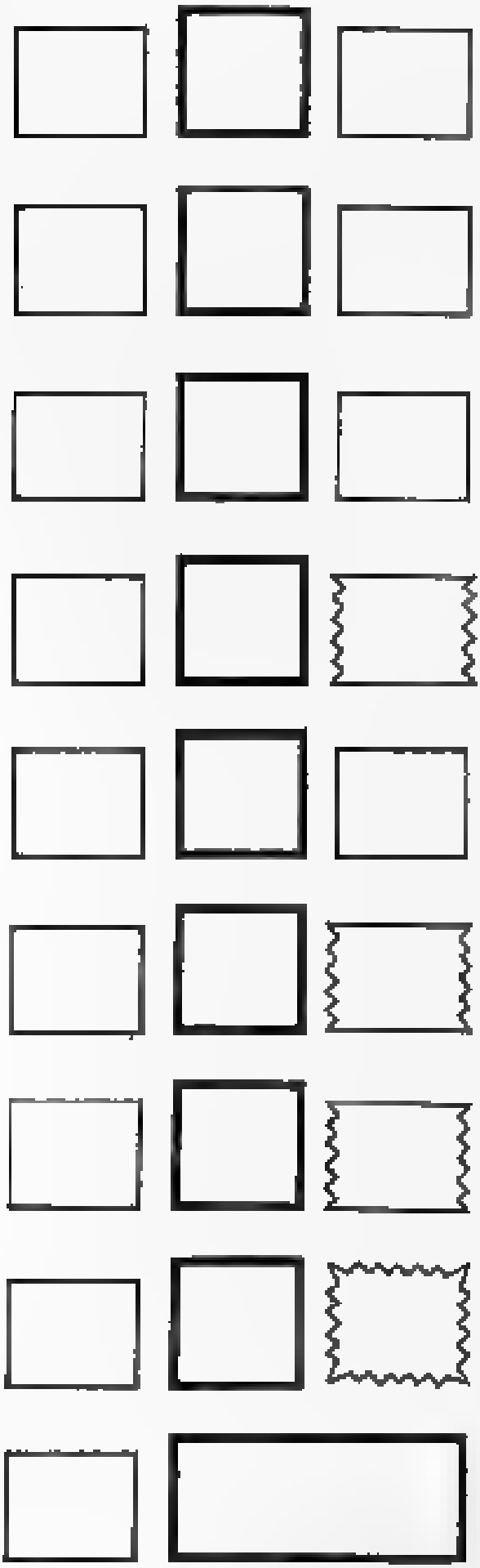

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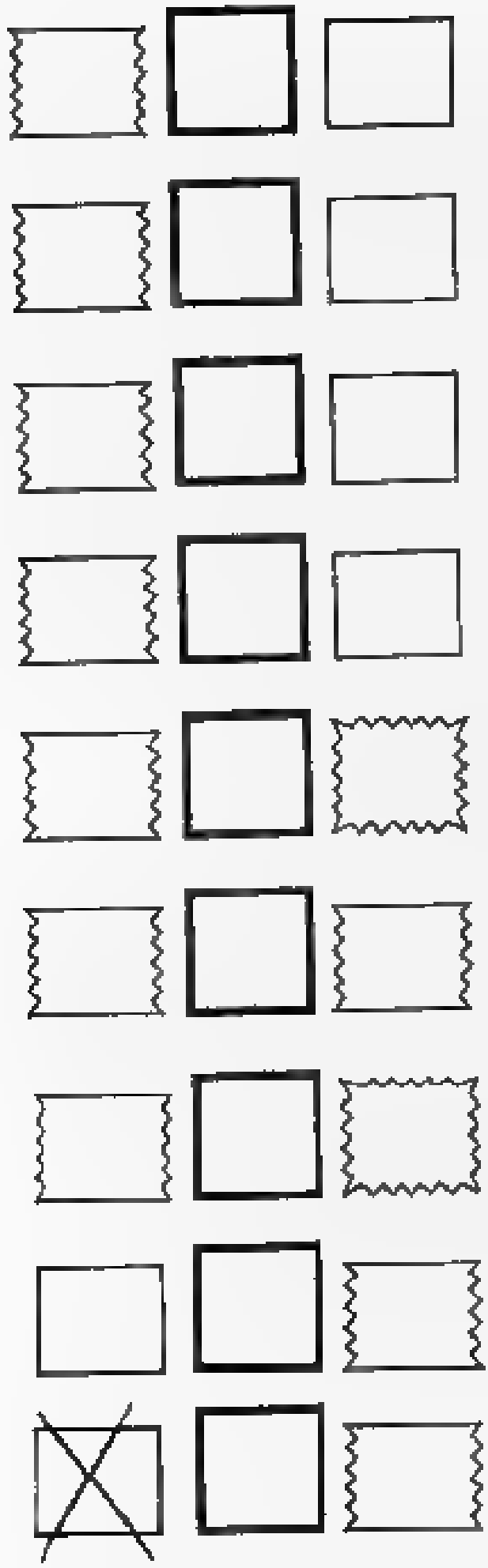
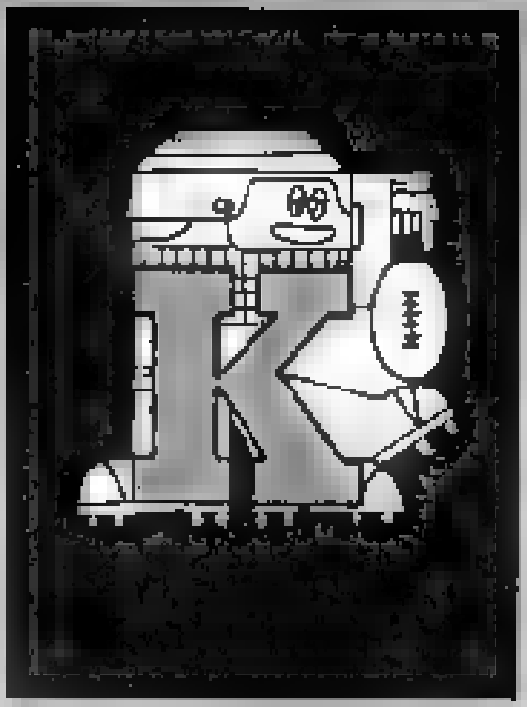
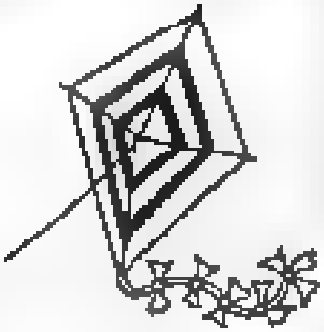
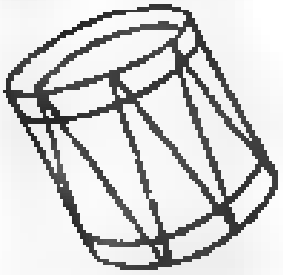
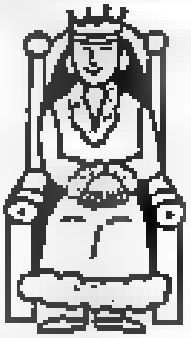
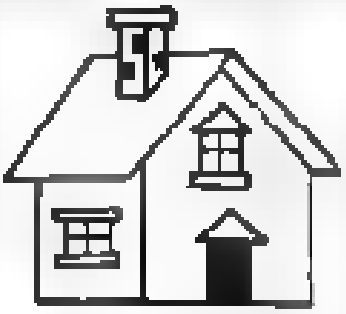








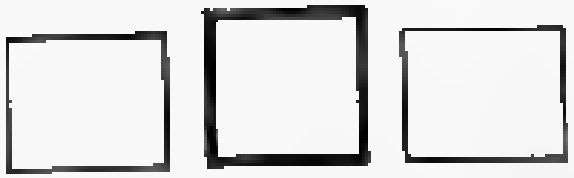




Kindergarten Kangaroo

I'll tell you a story, with your pardon,
Of a kitchen in the kindergarten.
Now, the chef there is a kangaroo
Who bakes kale pies and kidney stew.
He keeps his blades keen, he shines all his metal;
And he puts lots of kindling under his kettle.
He's a kind kangaroo who has never bitten
A dog, nor a kid, nor even a kitten.

1. kit



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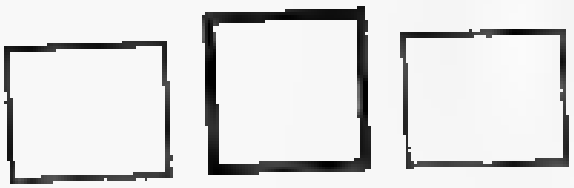

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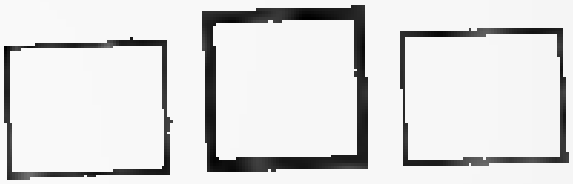

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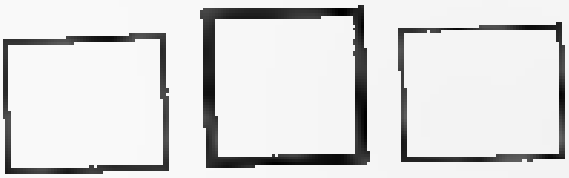

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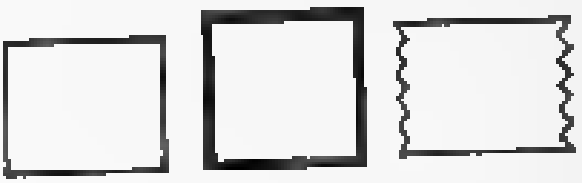

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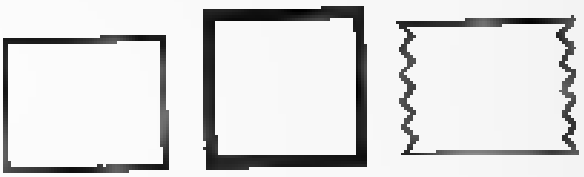

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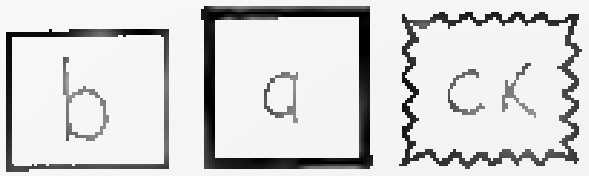

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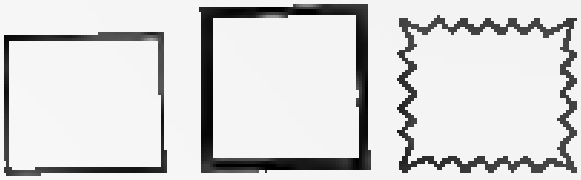

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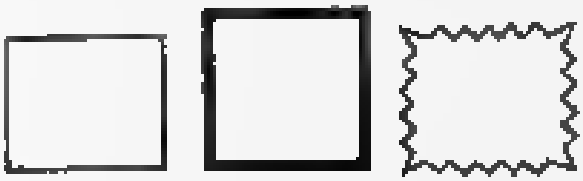

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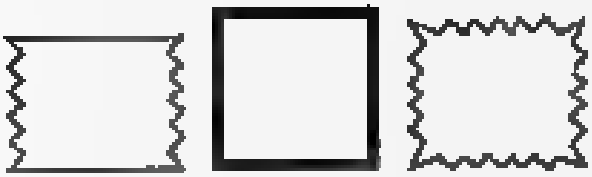

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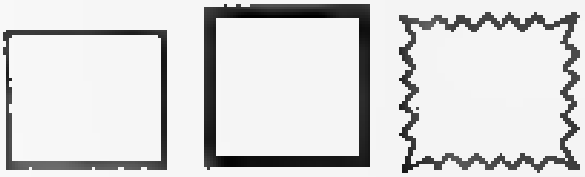

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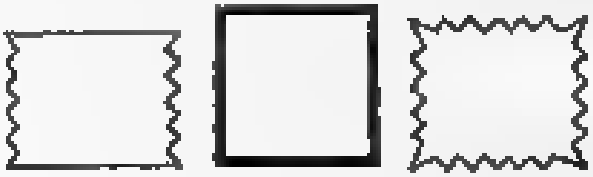

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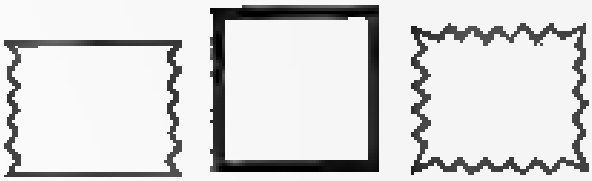

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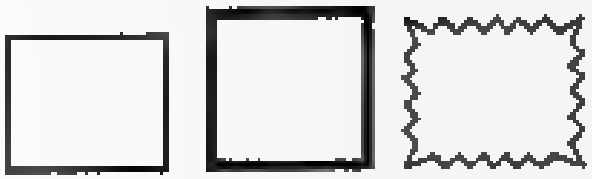

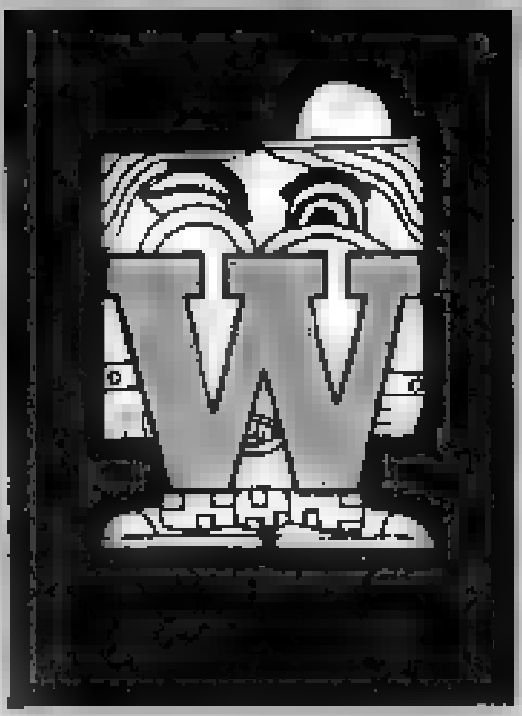

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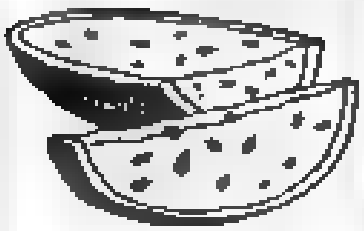

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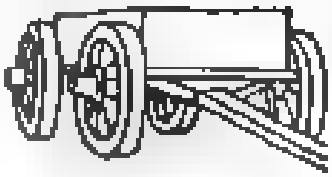

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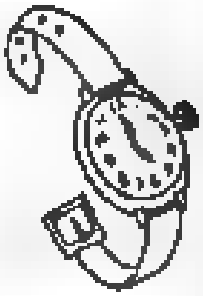

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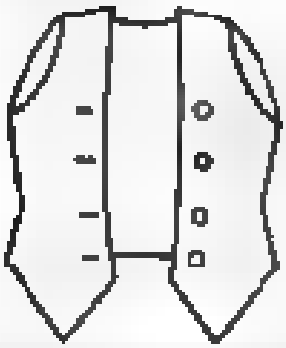

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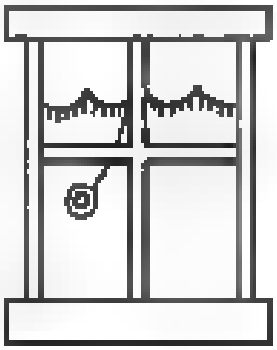

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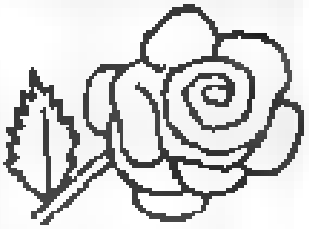

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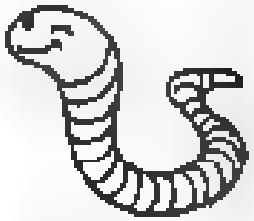

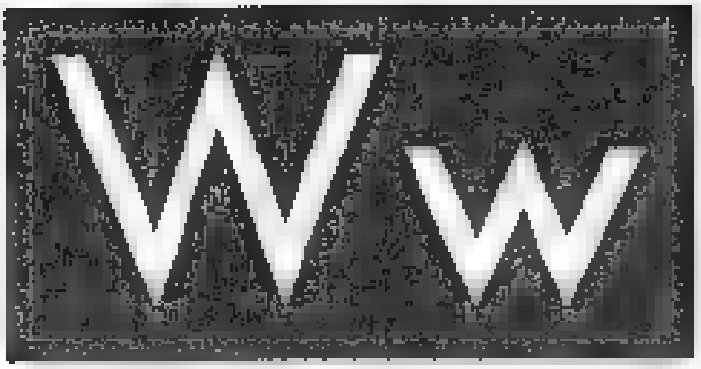

Wiggly, Wobbly Watch

Wiggly Watch is wasted and worn,
His weak hands wobble, and his face is torn.
He gets all wound up every night,
And if alarmed, he wails with fright.
He wiggles and wobbles in a weak way;
He won't even work on a wonderful day!
If someone could only weld him together,
He might even work well in wintry weather.

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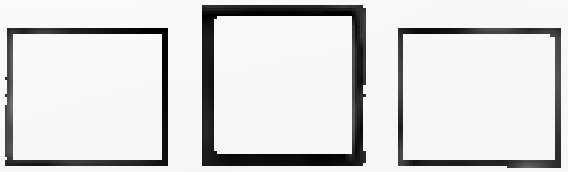

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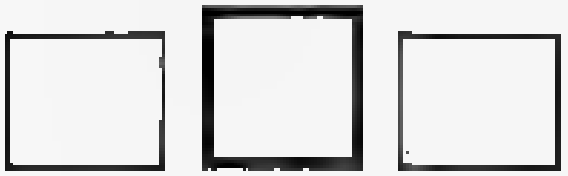

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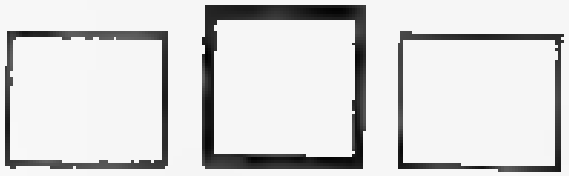

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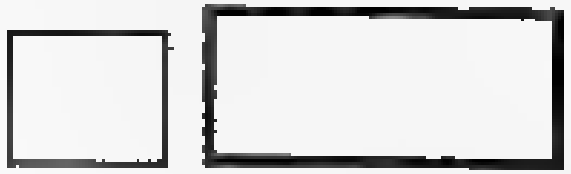

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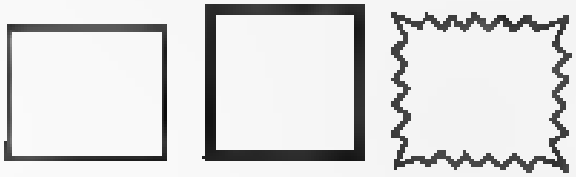

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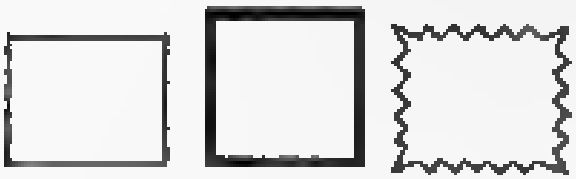

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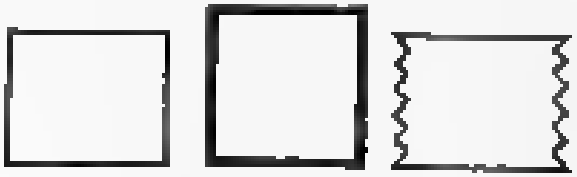

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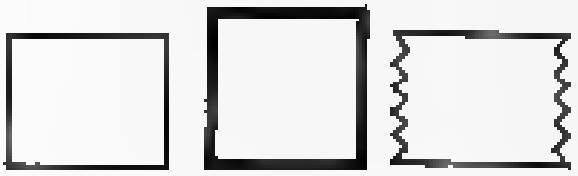

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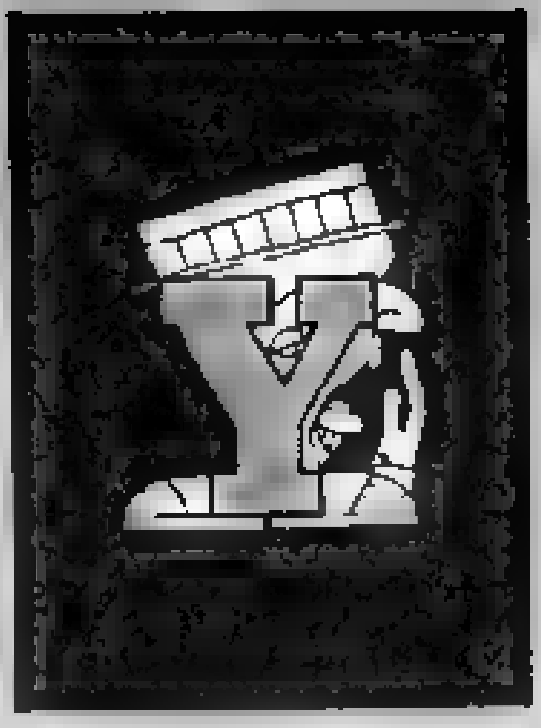

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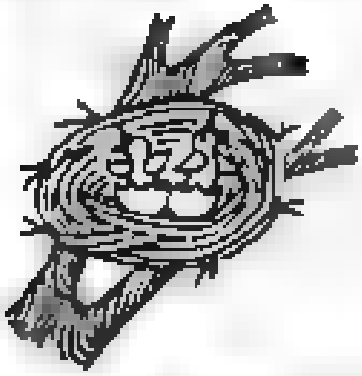

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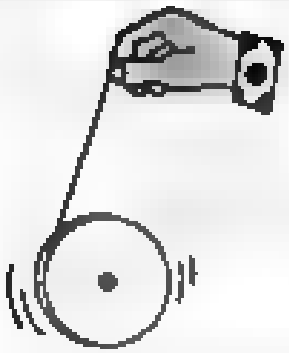

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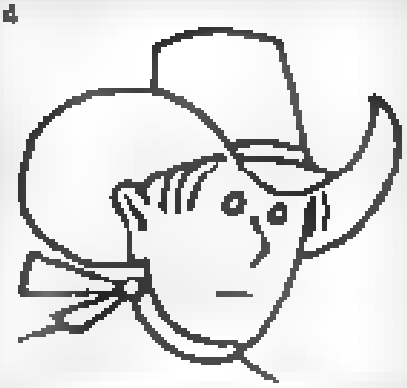

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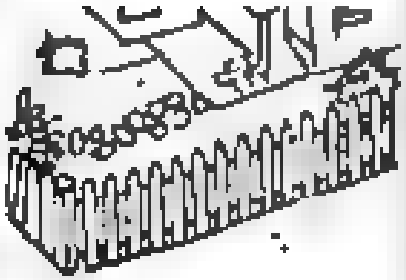

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The Yarn of the Yam-Eating Yak

Out in the yard I saw a young fellow
Chewing yams that were plump, ripe, and yellow.
He was a young beast with a big hairy back
And he looked very much like a yam-eating yak.
Yam-eating yaks don't exist, you might say,
But I saw this yak eating yams yesterday.

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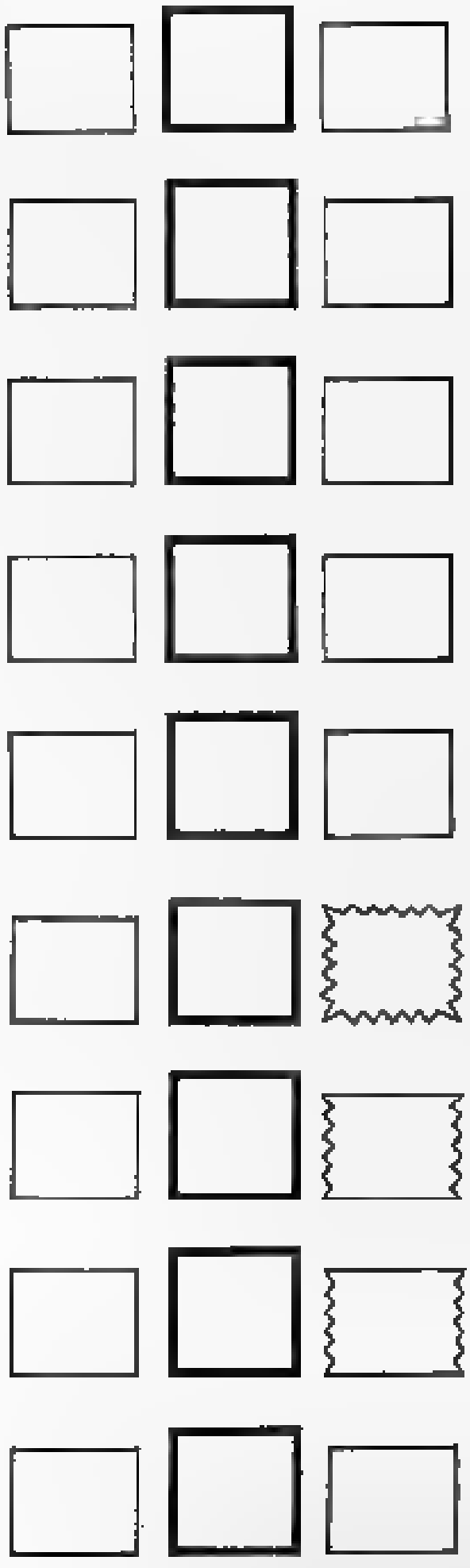

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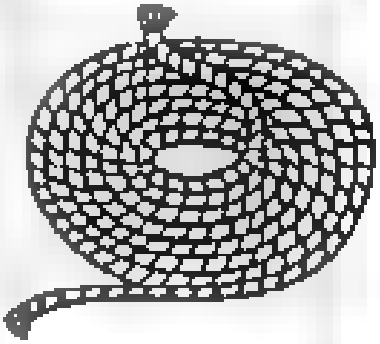

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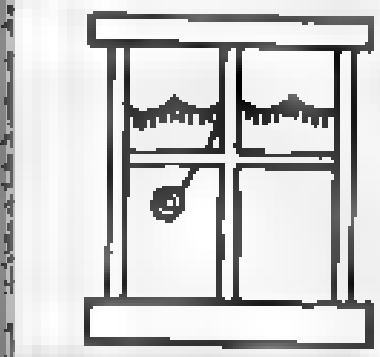

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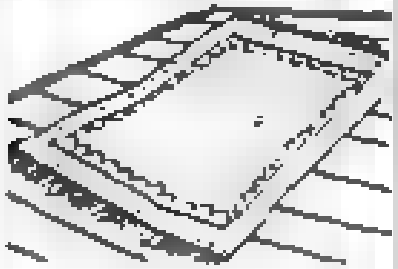

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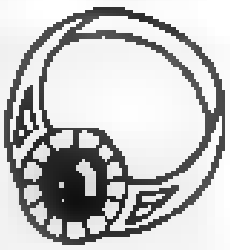

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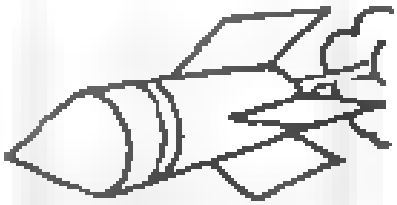

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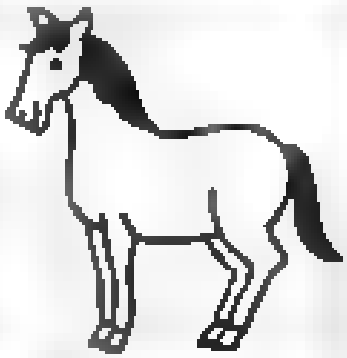

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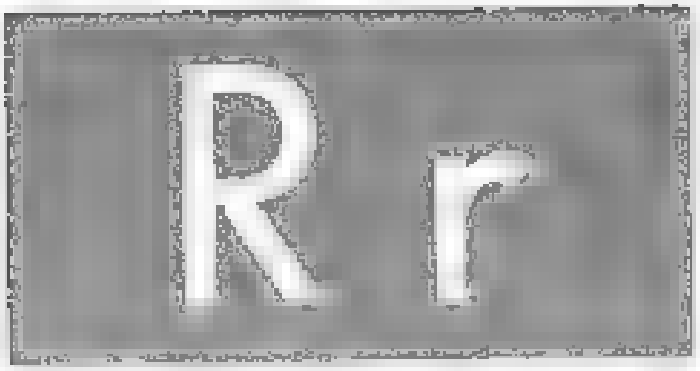
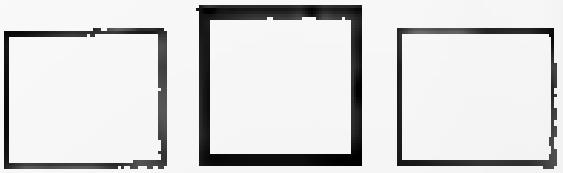
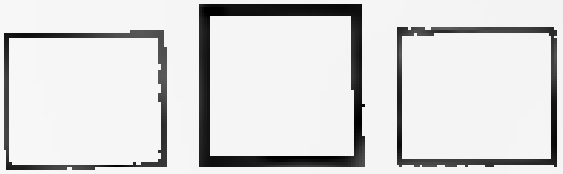
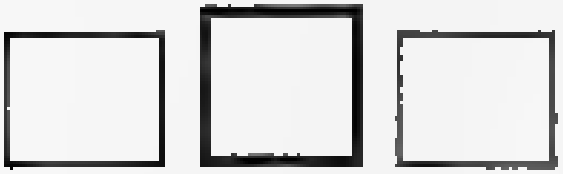


The Romping Rhinoceros

There was running and rambling down by the river.
The roaring and rumbling made us all shiver.
We wanted to rest, but it didn't get quiet;
So we rushed to the river to look for the riot.
But when we got there the scene was so cozy
A romping rhinoceros played ring-a-round-a-rosy.

1. rip 
2. rug 
3. rag 
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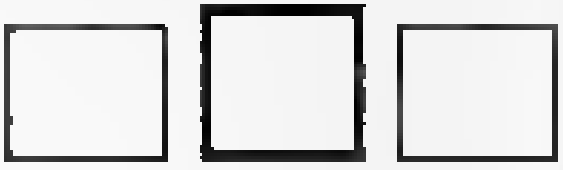
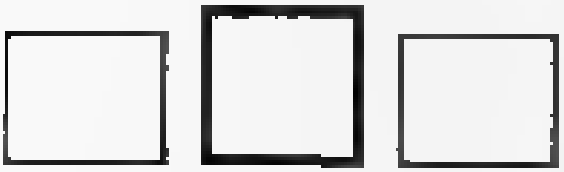
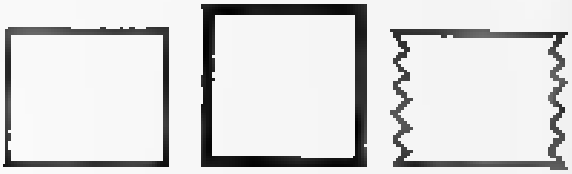
5. run 
6. red 
7. rubs 
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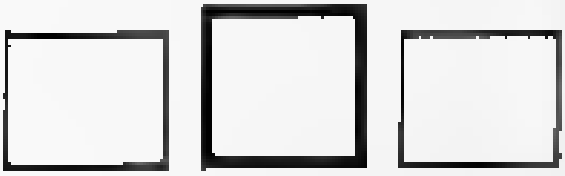
9. rob 

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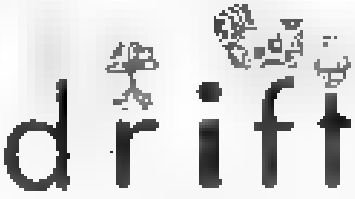
4 

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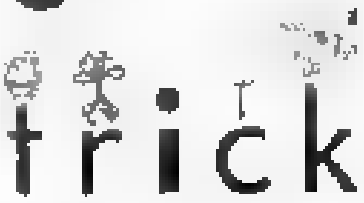
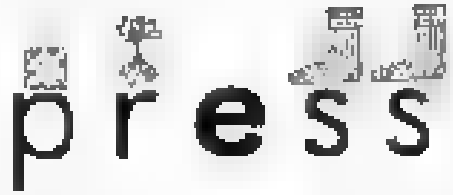
6 

7 

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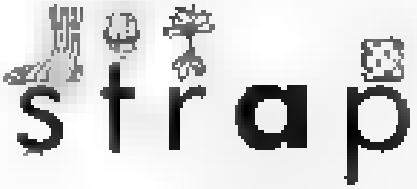
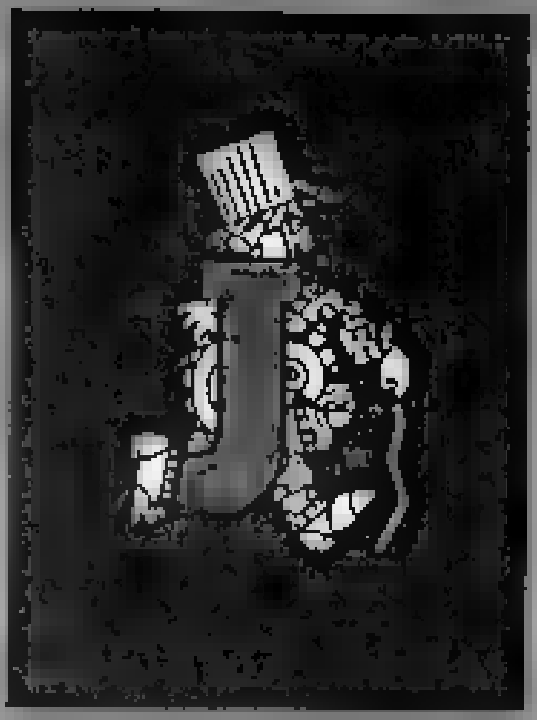
9 



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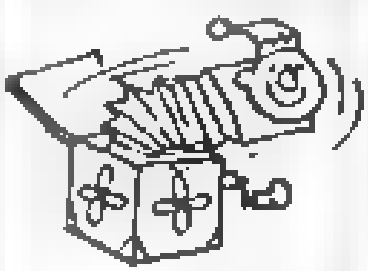

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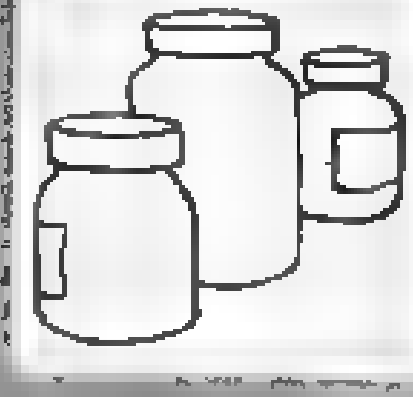

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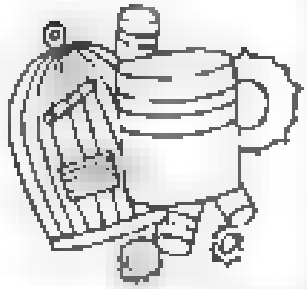

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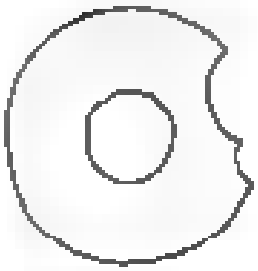

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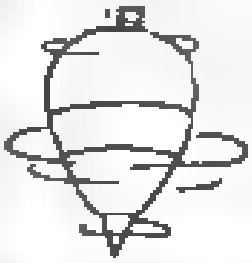

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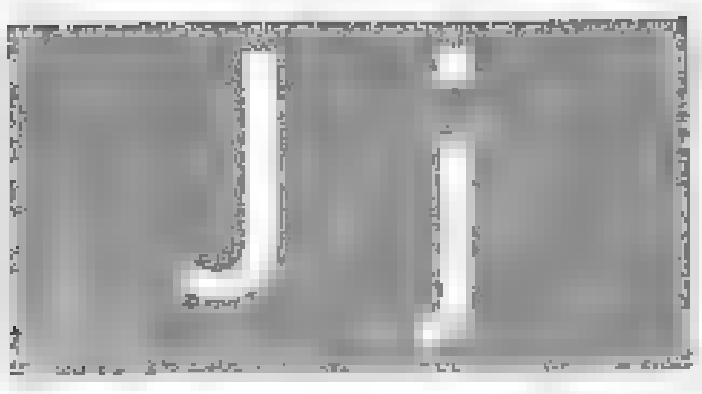

Jasper Jumper

I'm a jolly jumping boy;
Jumping is my greatest joy.
Jasper Jumper is my name;
Join me in a jumping game.
Jump, jump, jog and wiggle,
Jump, jump, jog and jiggle.
If you just watch me carefully,
You'll jump along in step with me.

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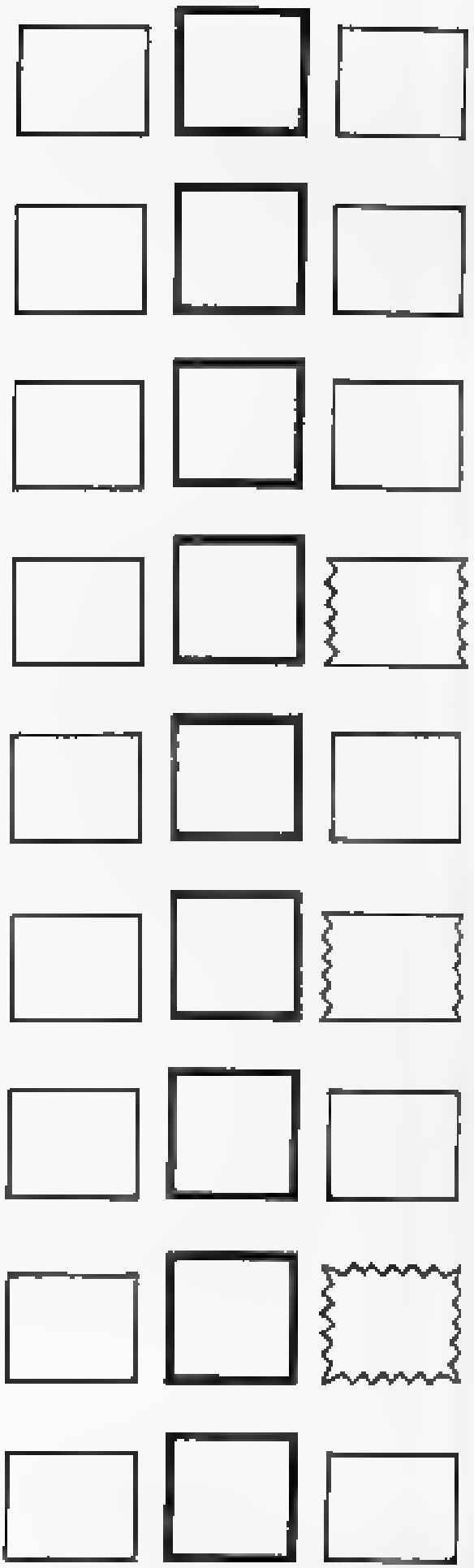

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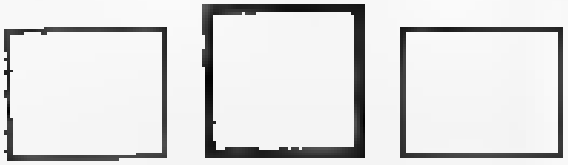

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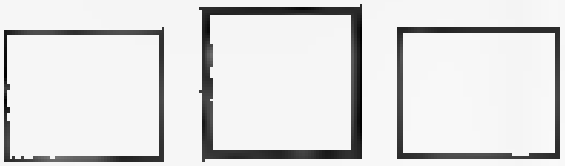

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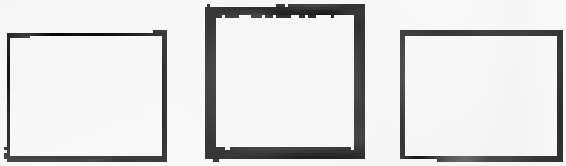

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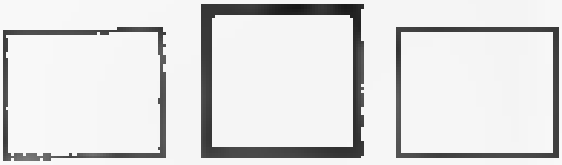

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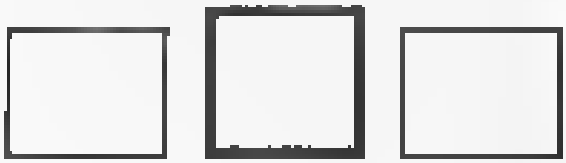

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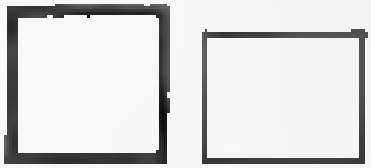

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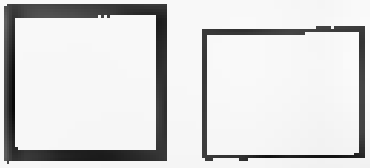

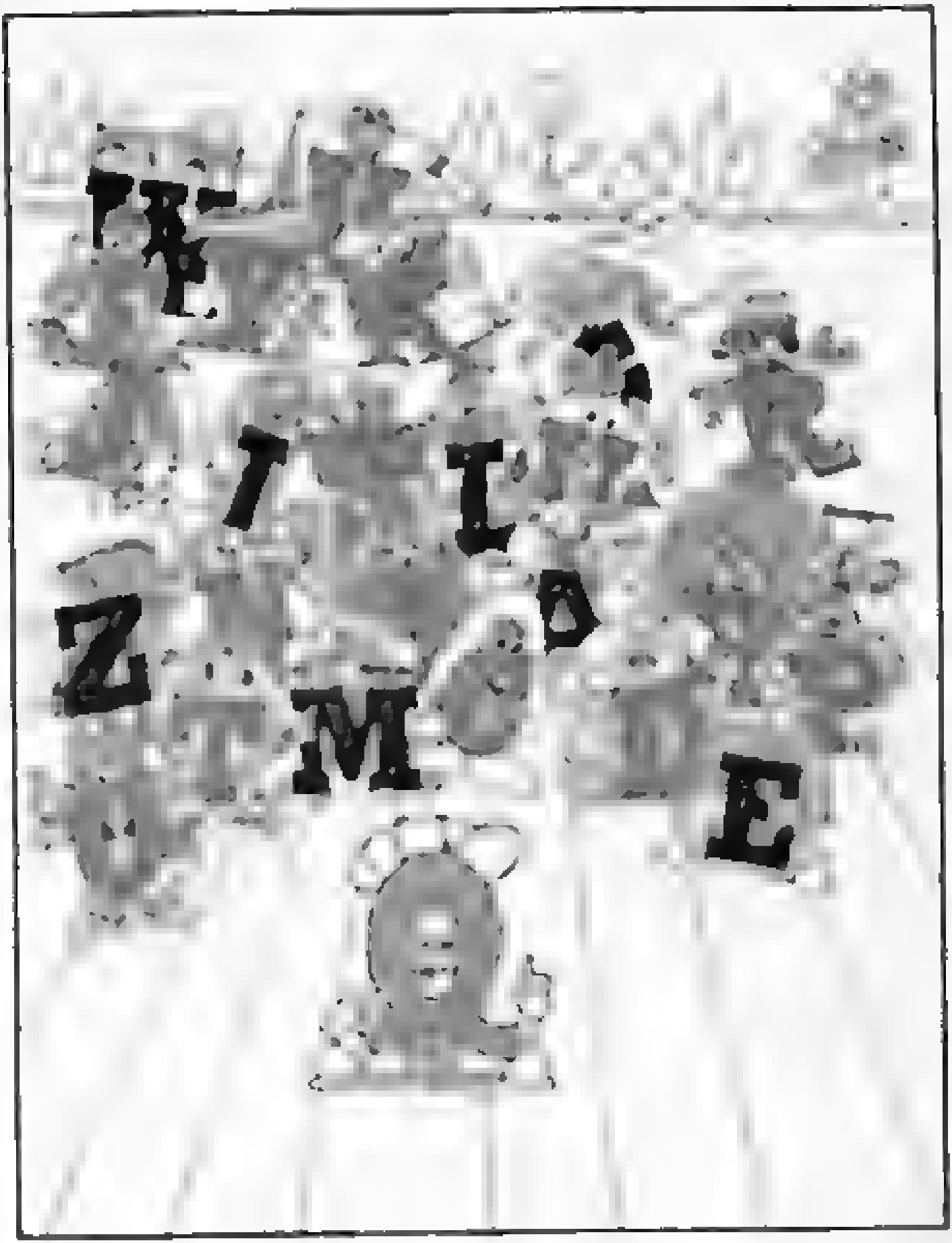
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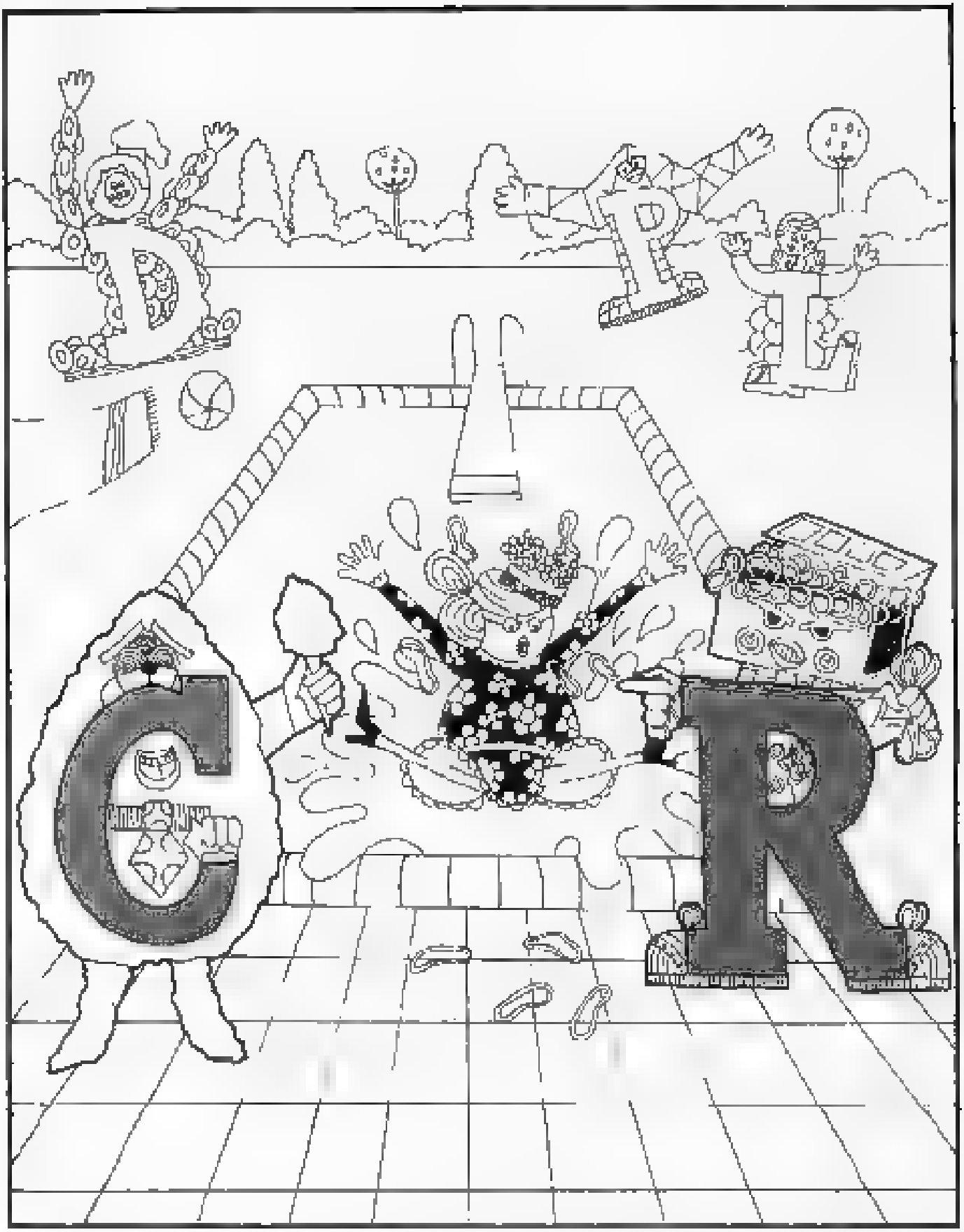

Plop! Miss Brim fell in. Miss Brim is all wet.

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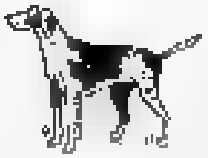

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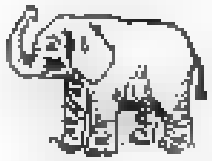

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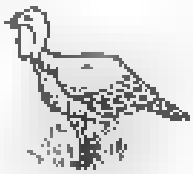

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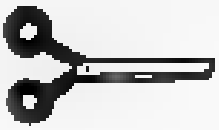

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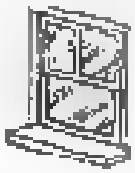

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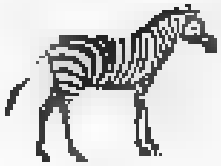

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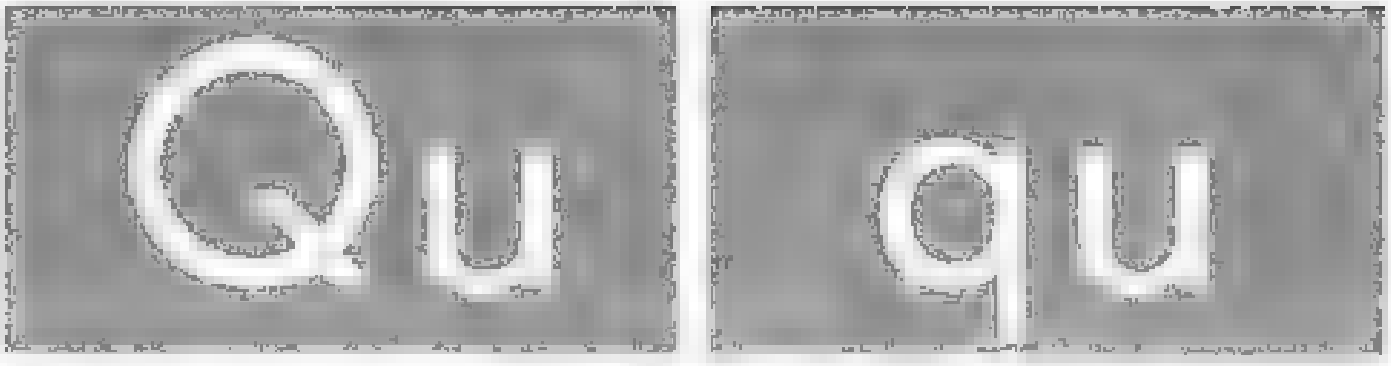

Quincy the Quacker

I am Quincy the Quacker and I can quack quickly;
I'm not like Q, who is quiet and sickly.
I will not quit quacking, it's out of the question,
It's quite useless for you to make that suggestion.
Although it seems queer to quack all day through,
What else is a quacker supposed to do?

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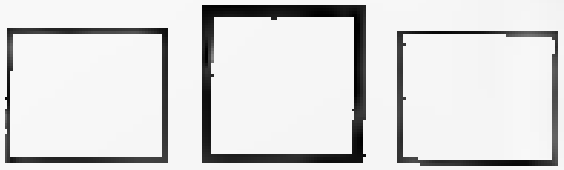

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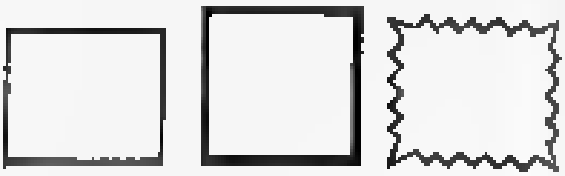

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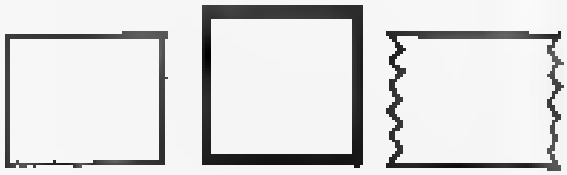

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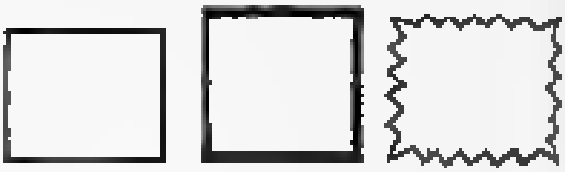

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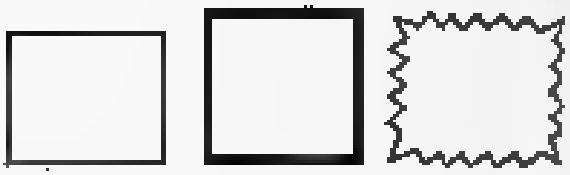

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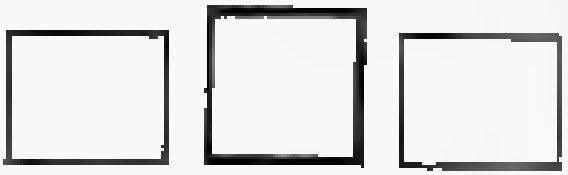

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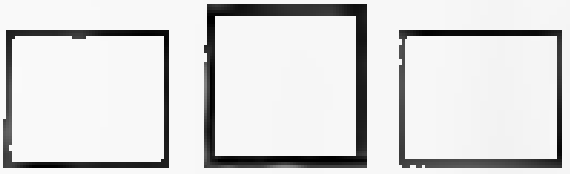
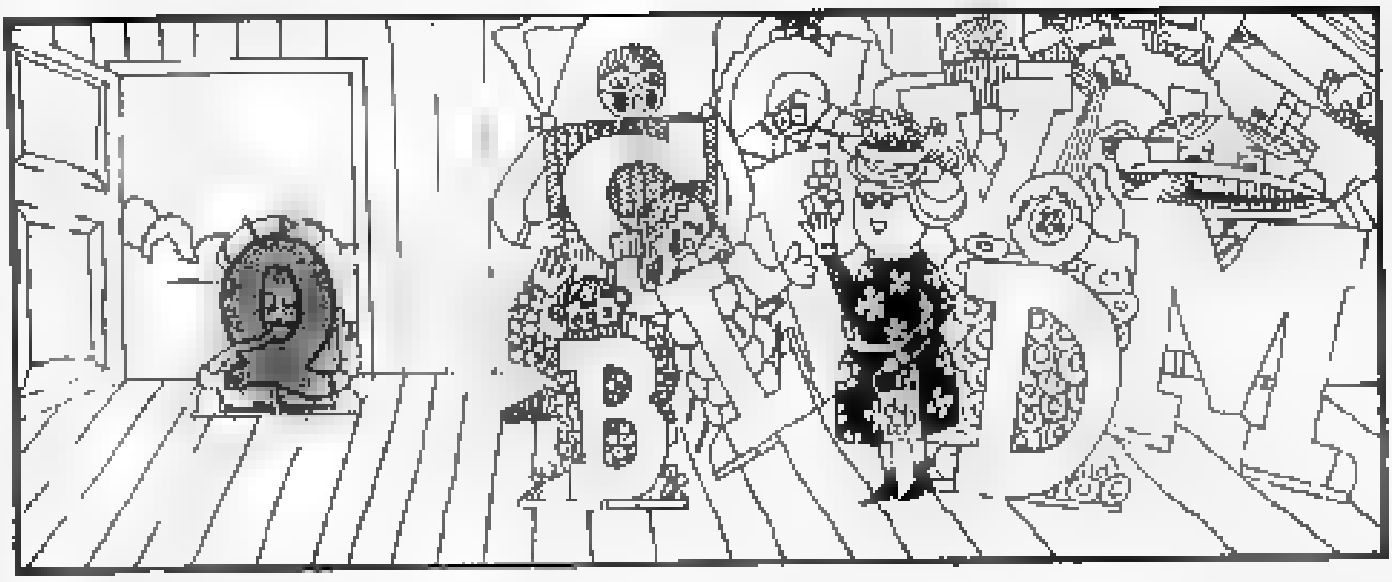
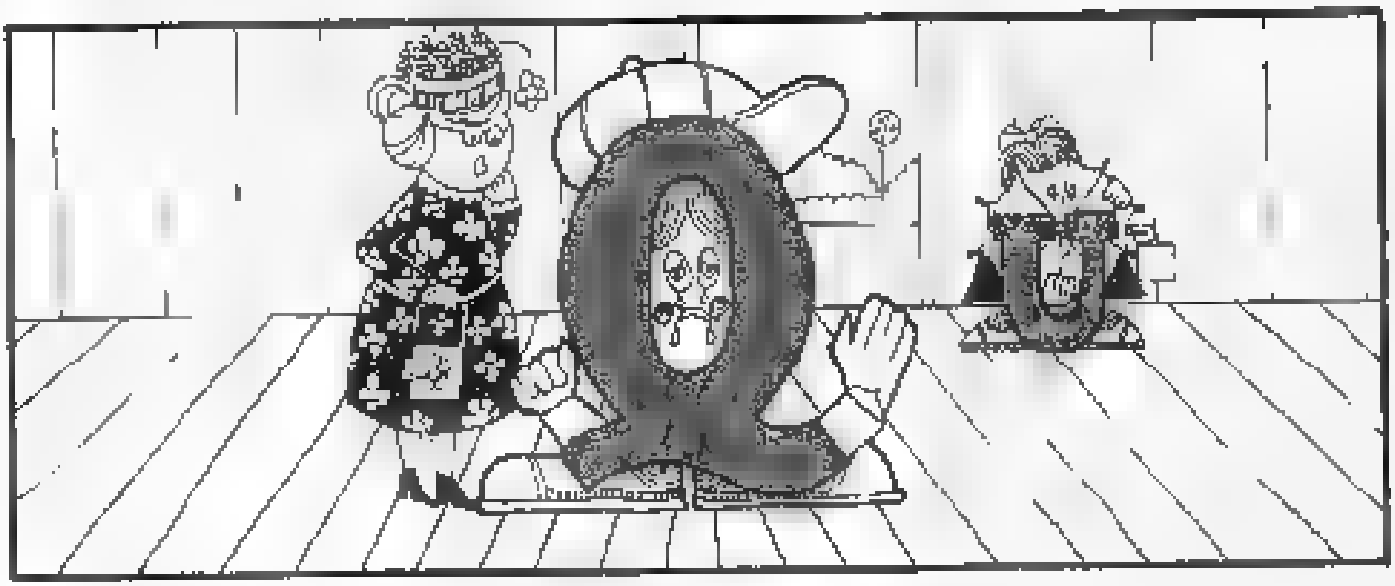




Let Miss Brim in. Let us all tell Miss Brim.



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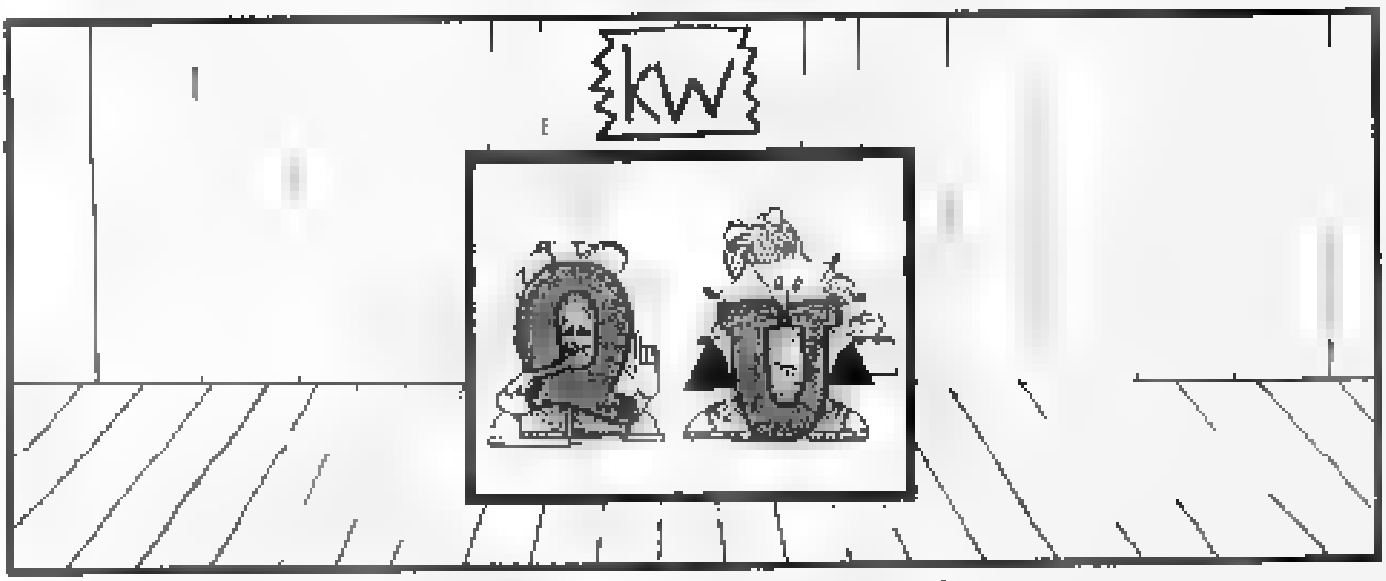

Let Q and U stand in a box.

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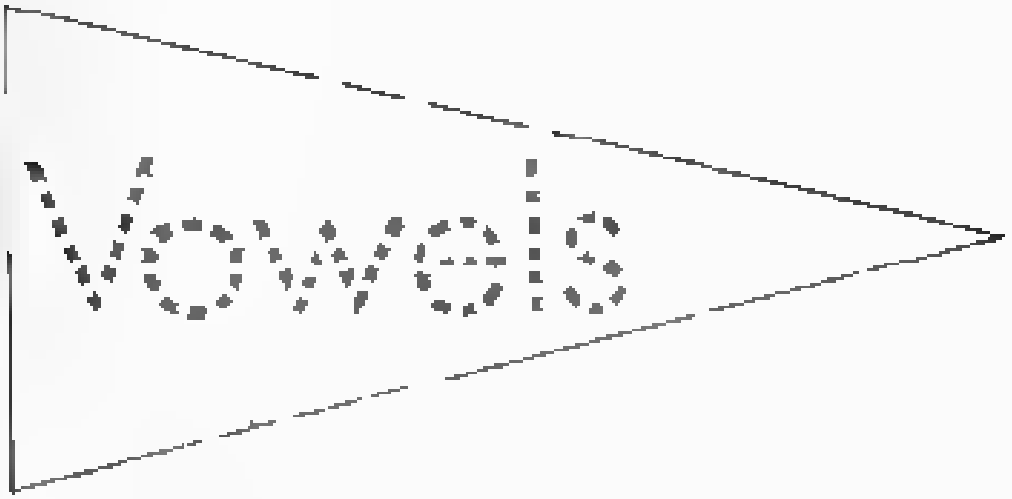

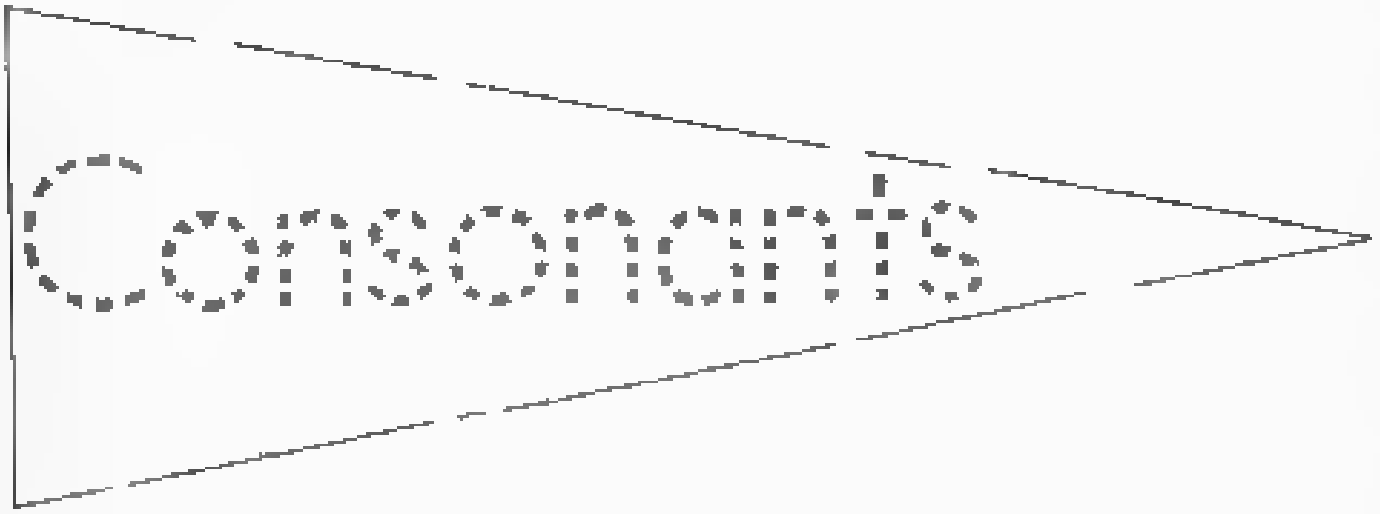

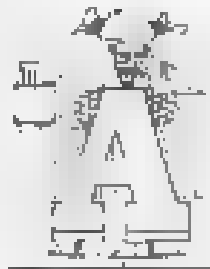

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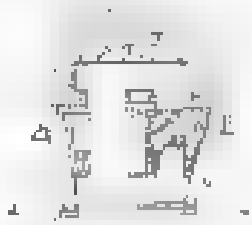

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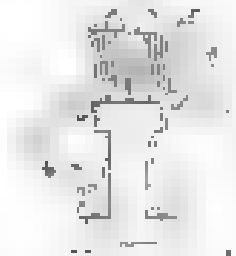

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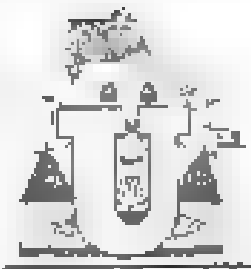

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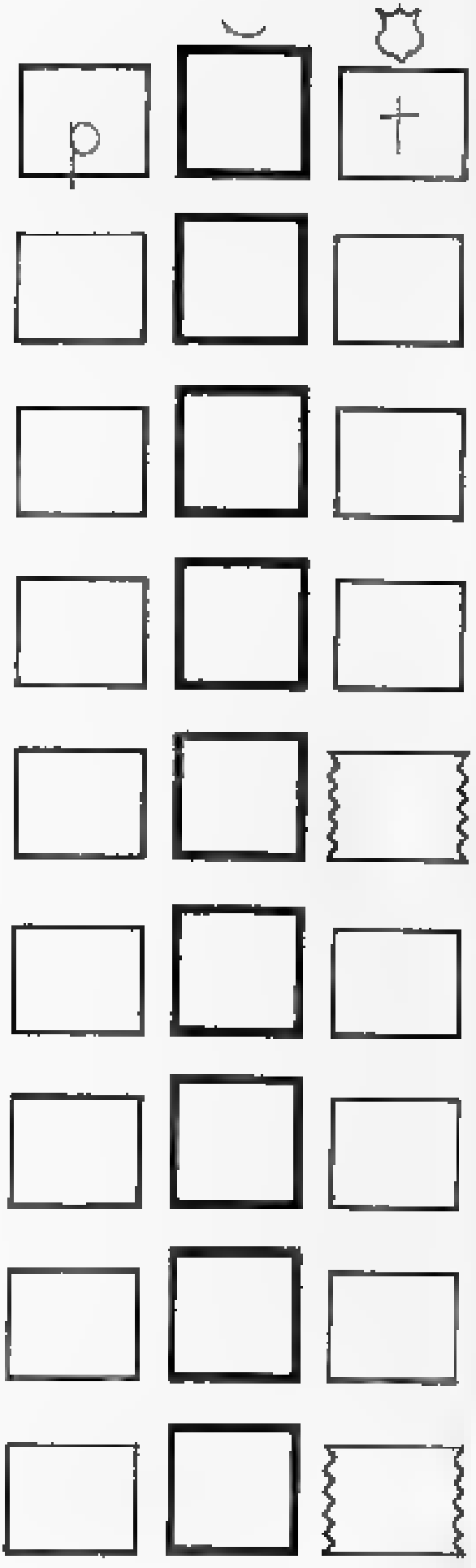

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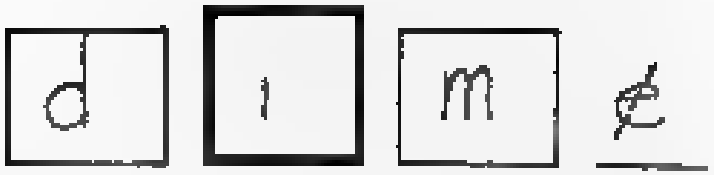

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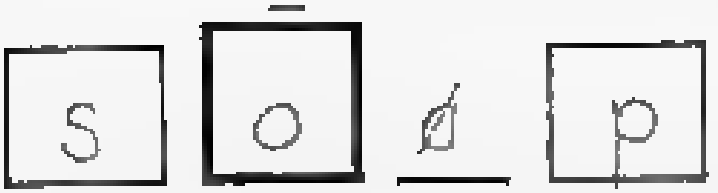

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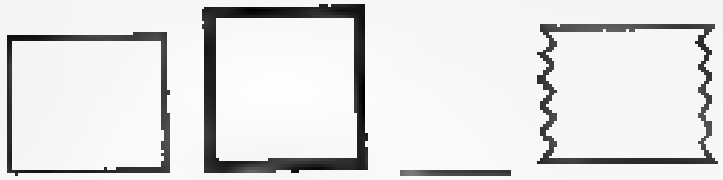

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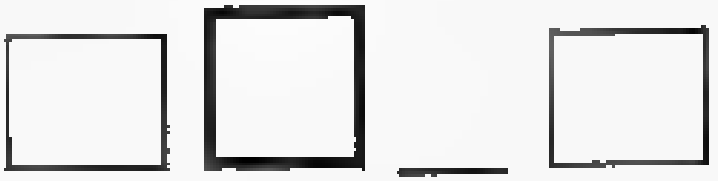

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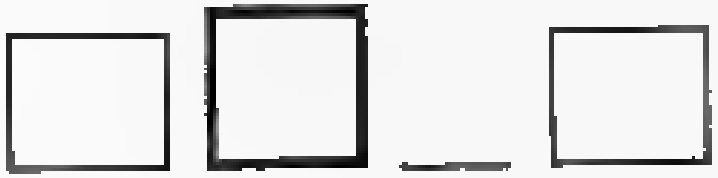

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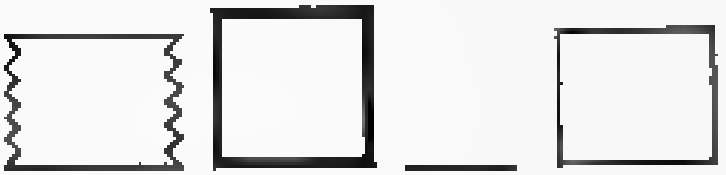

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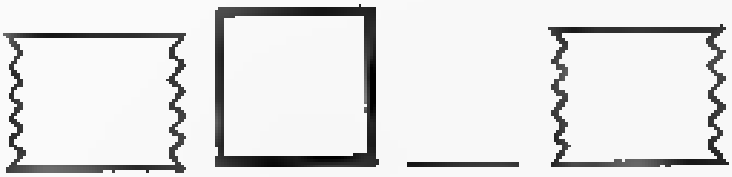

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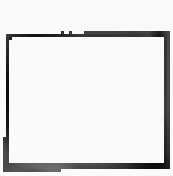

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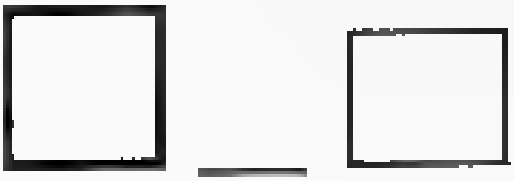

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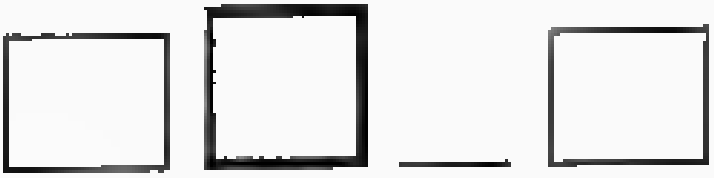
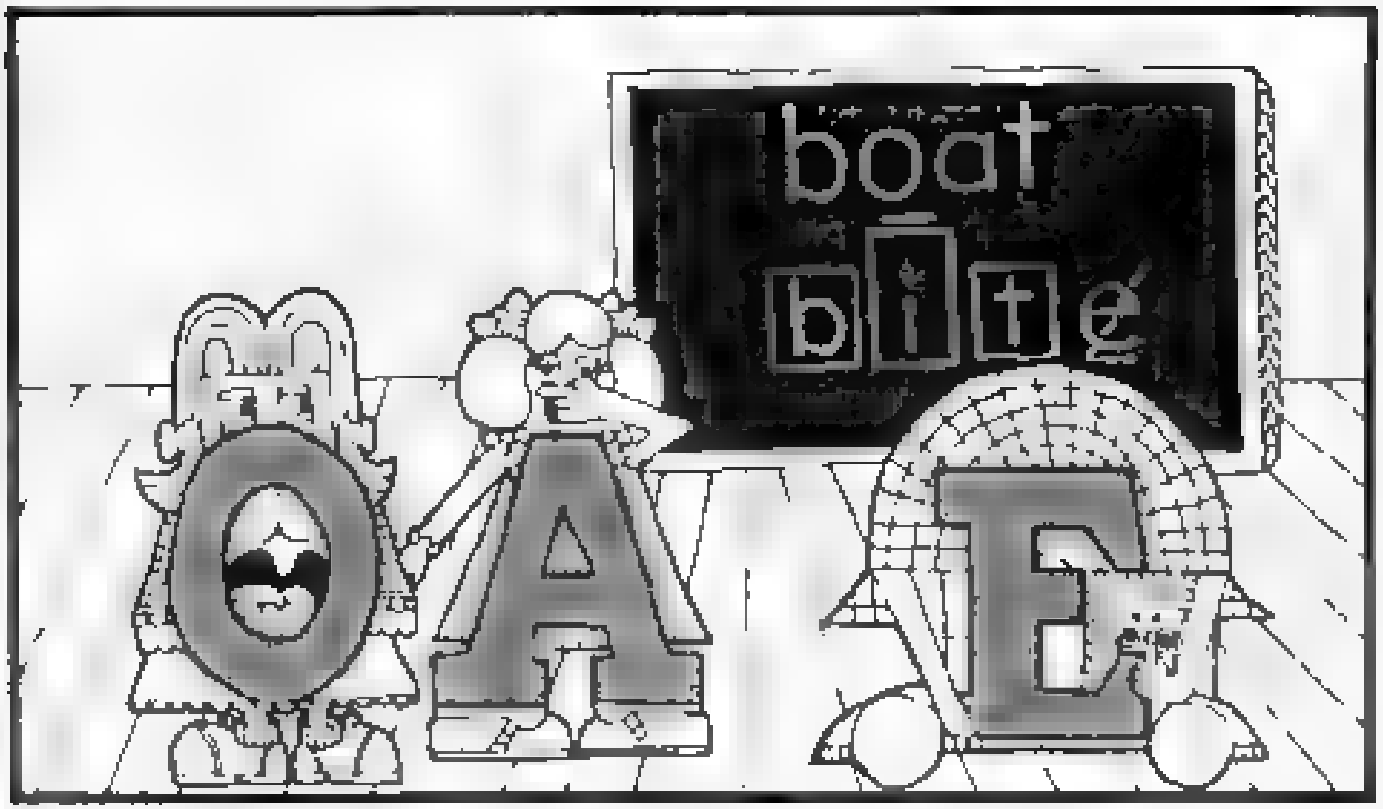
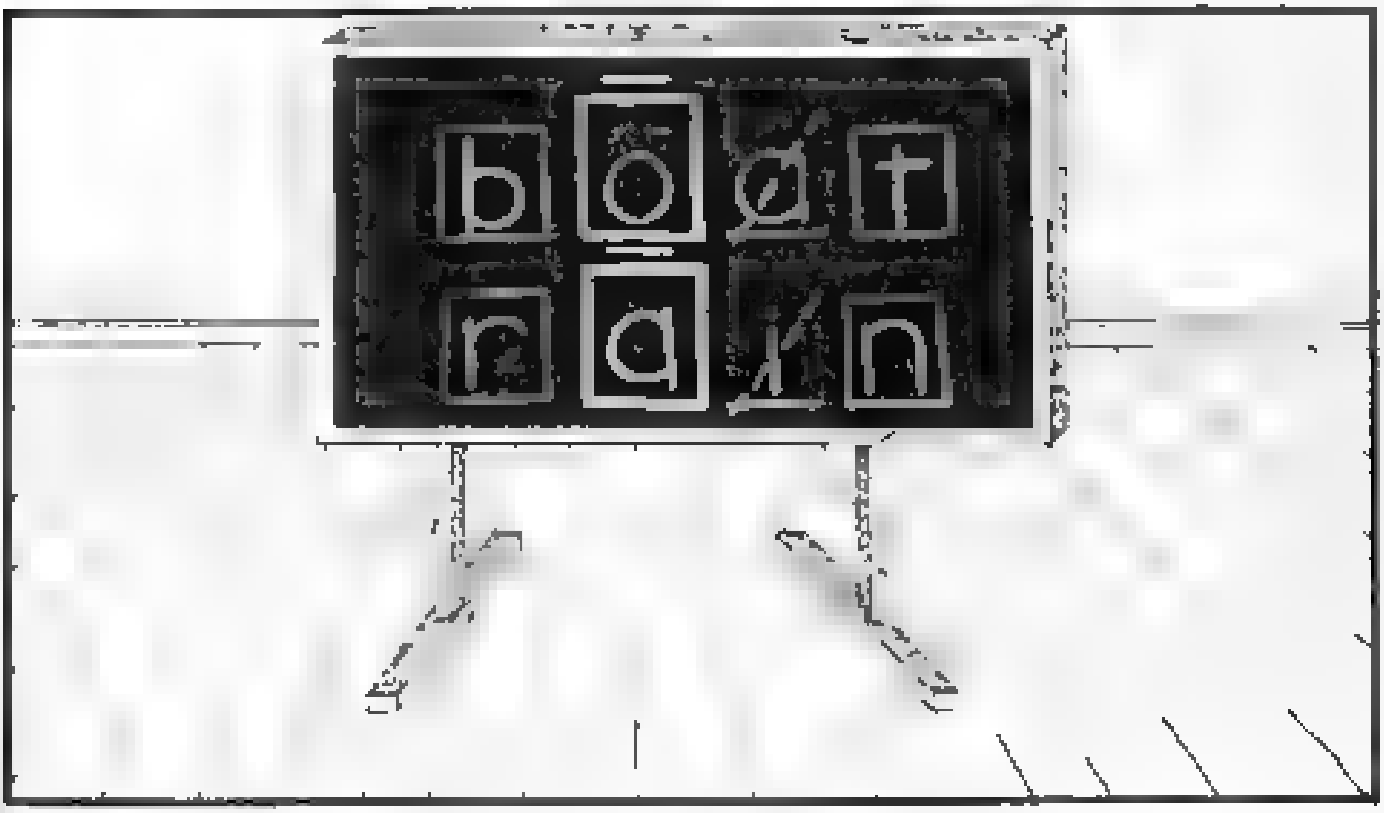




Let A be like E in *bite*. Miss E is still in *bite*.



O will be long in *boat*. A will be still. A will be long in *rain*. I will be still.

1. stop

2. code

3. speak

4. flip

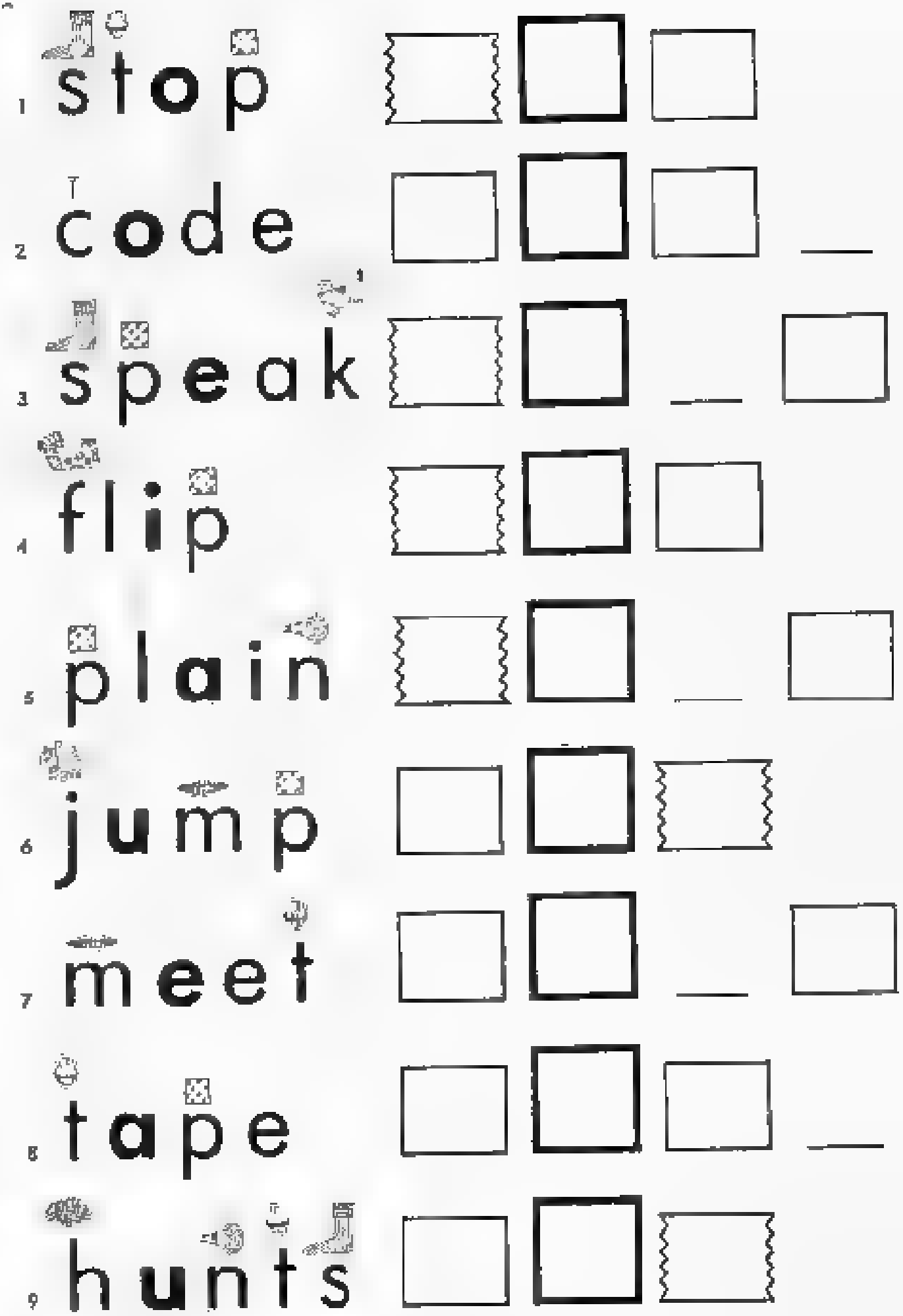
5. plain

6. jump

7. meet

8. tape

9. hunts



1 barn

2 dark

3 part

4 card

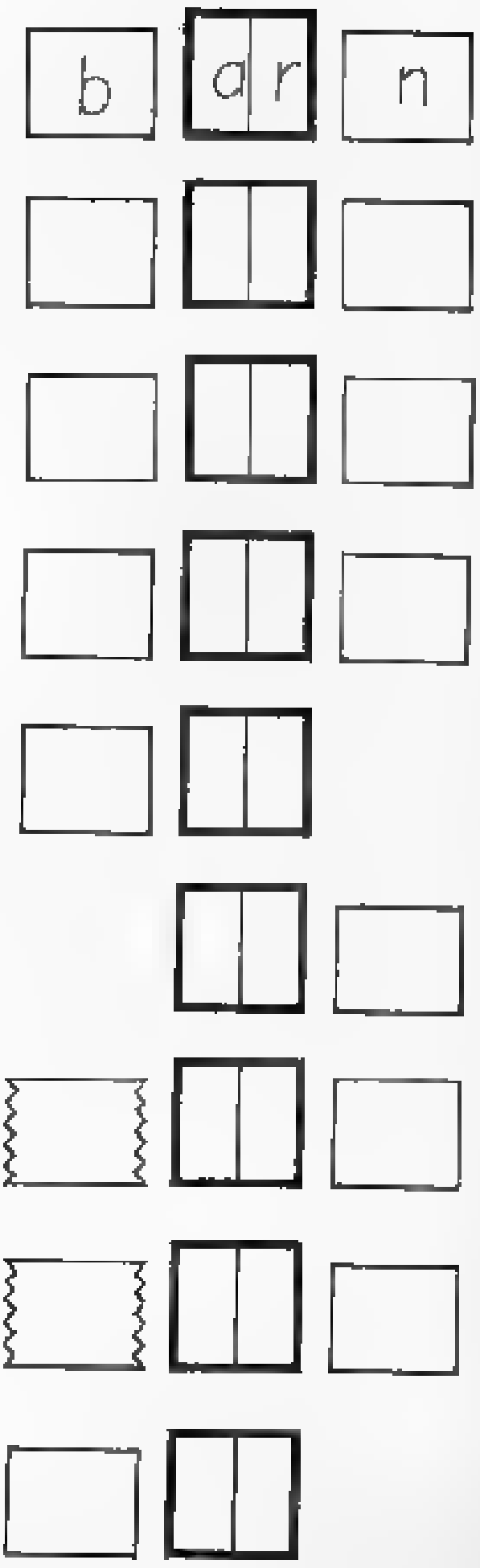
5 jar

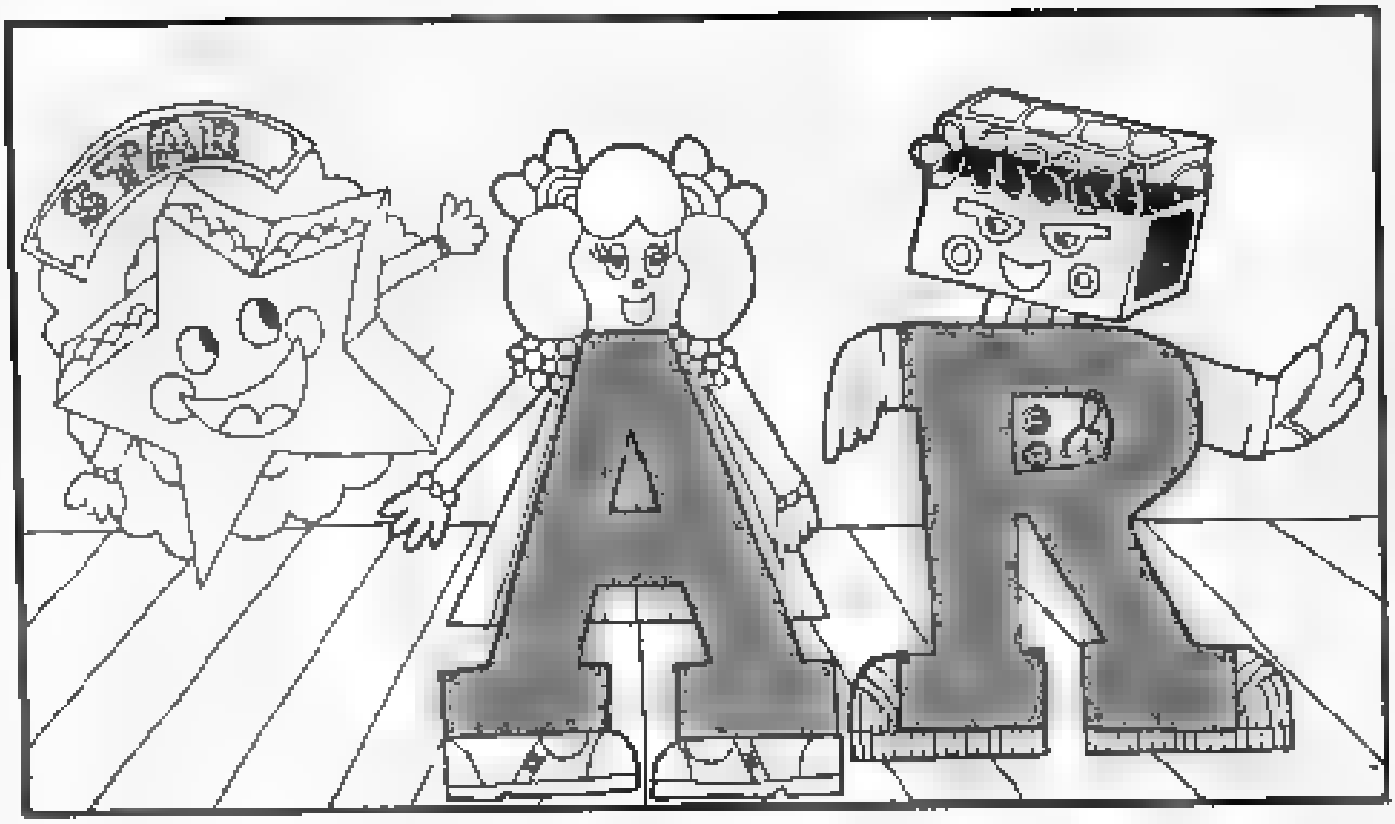
6 art

7 spark

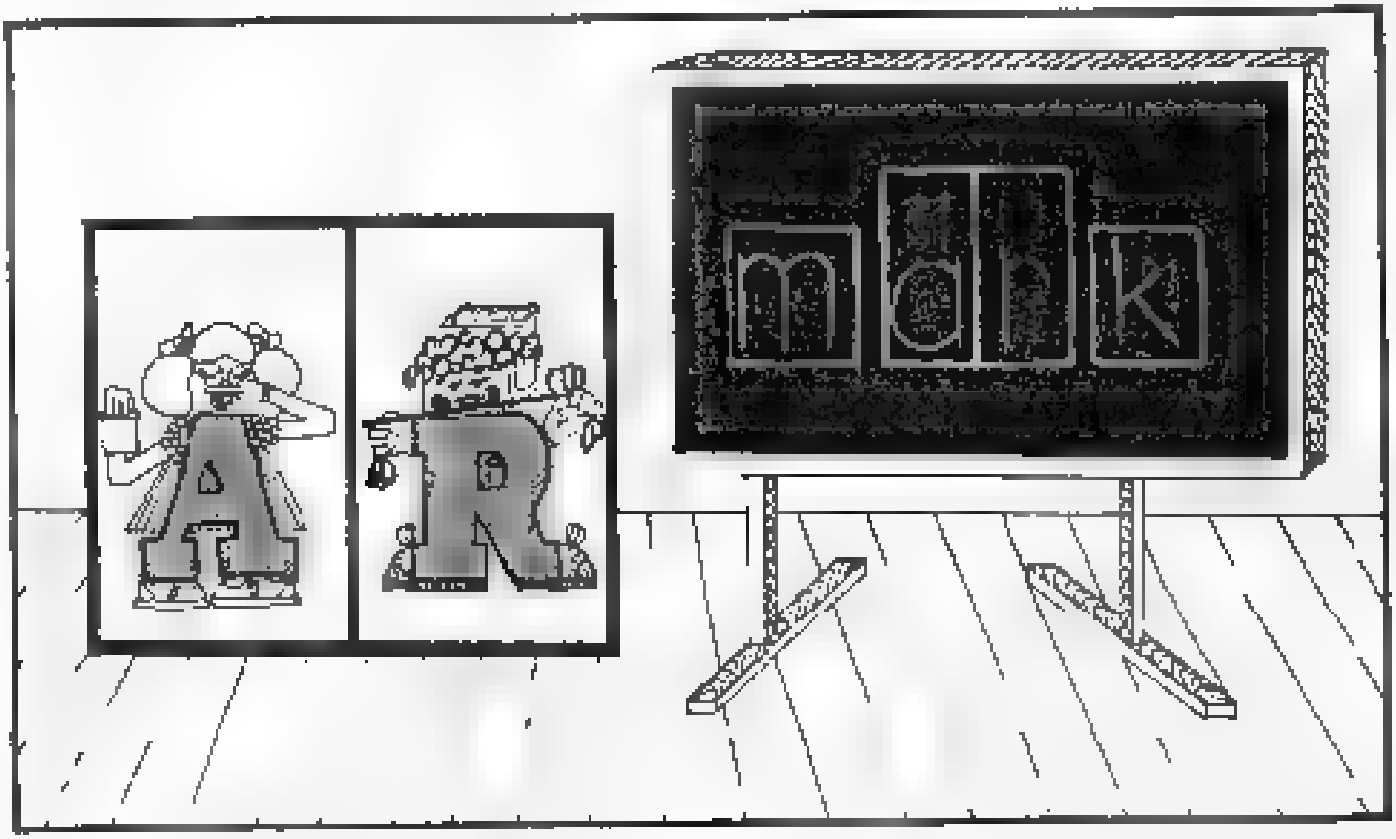
8 start

9 far





R will stand near Miss A. A and R will call R's name.



R must stand near A in a big clue box and use *ar* as in *mark*.

1 fort

2 born

3 horn

4 snorts

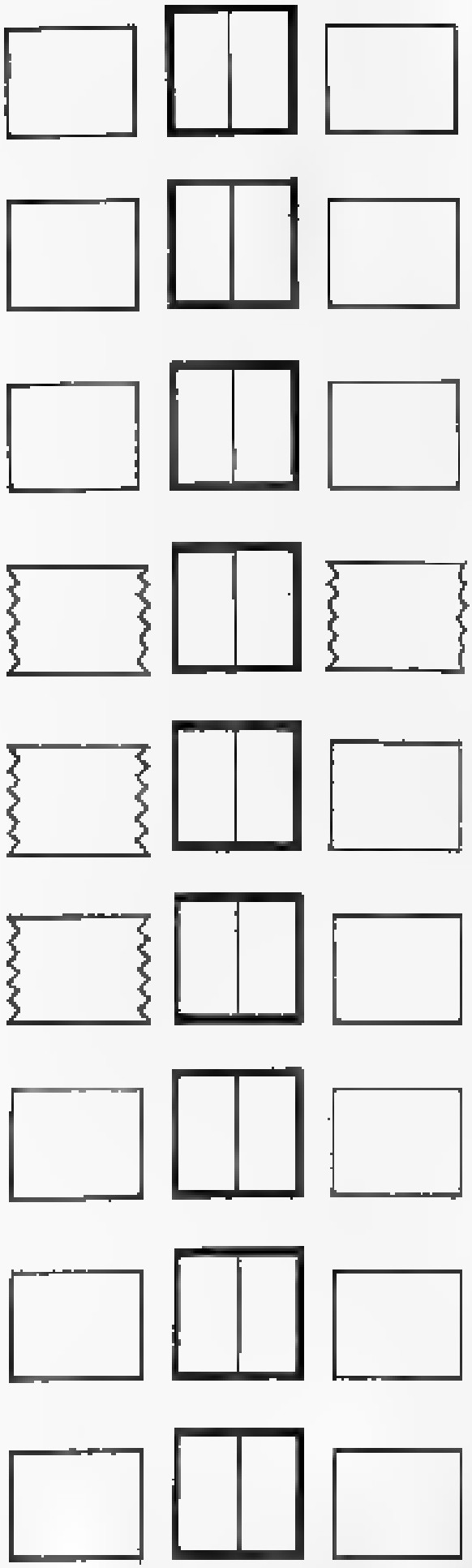
5 storm

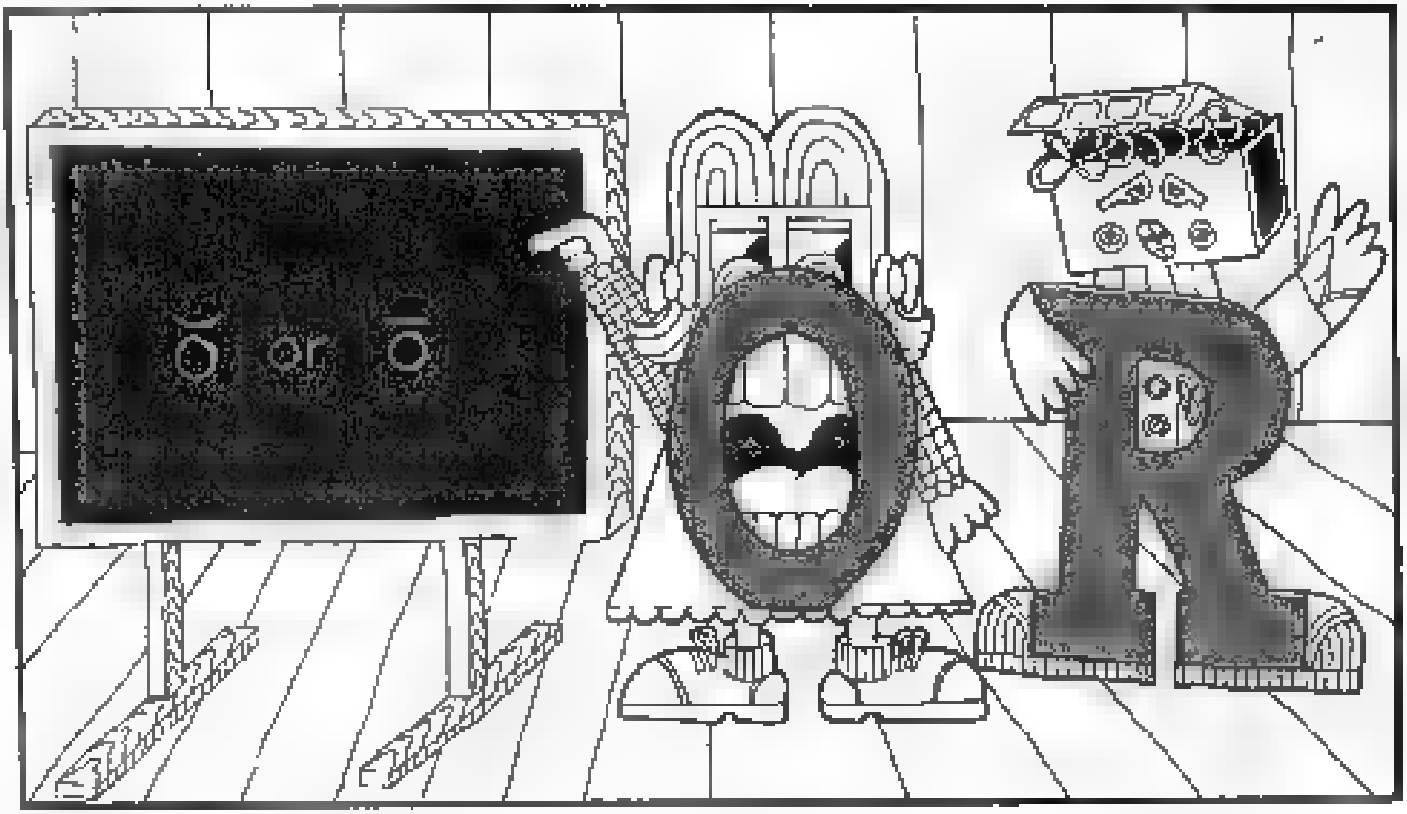
6 sport

7 form

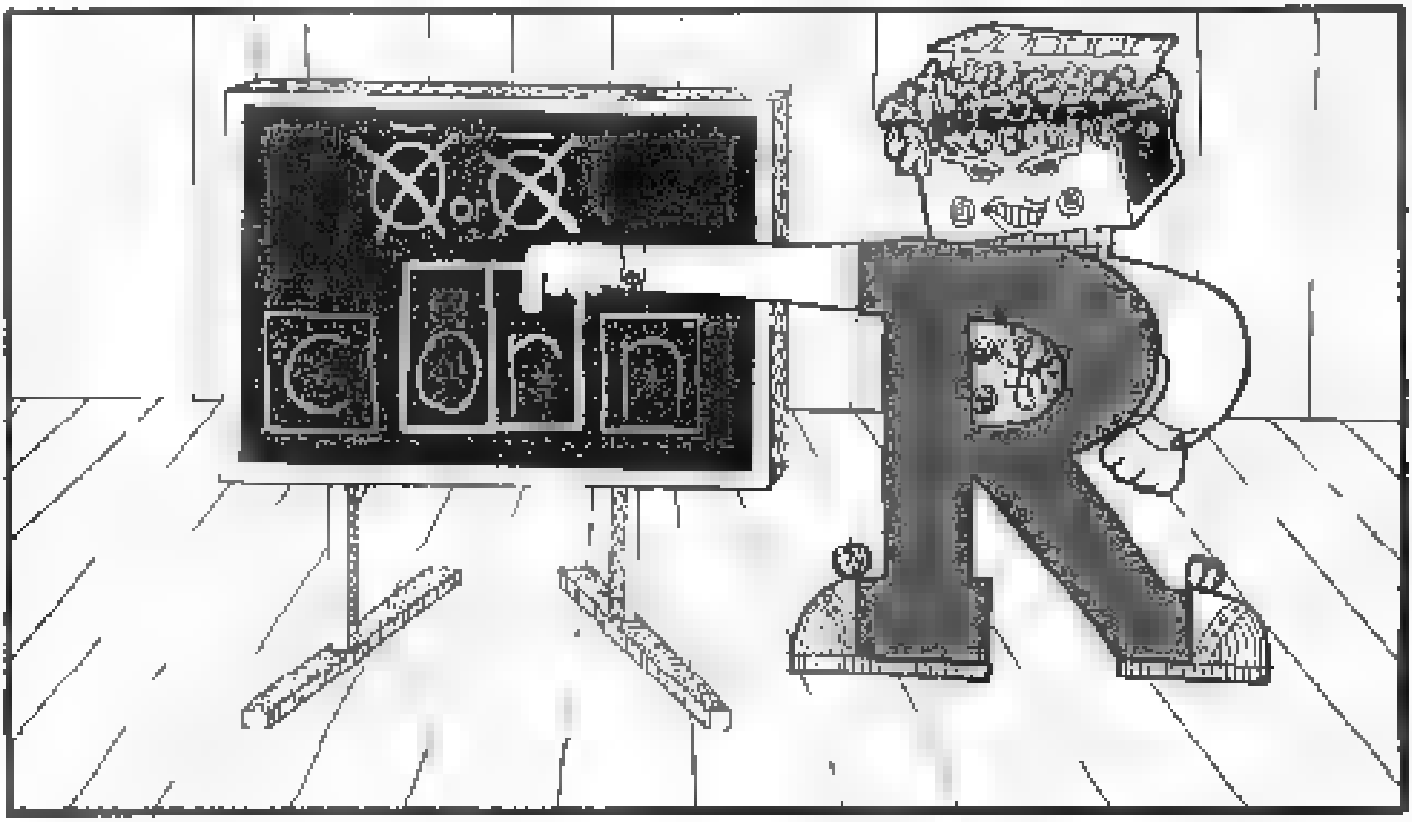
8 sort

9 worn





R must stand near Miss O. Miss O can use ŏ or ō.



O and R will use *or* as in *corn*.

1 term

2 fern

3 her

1 bird

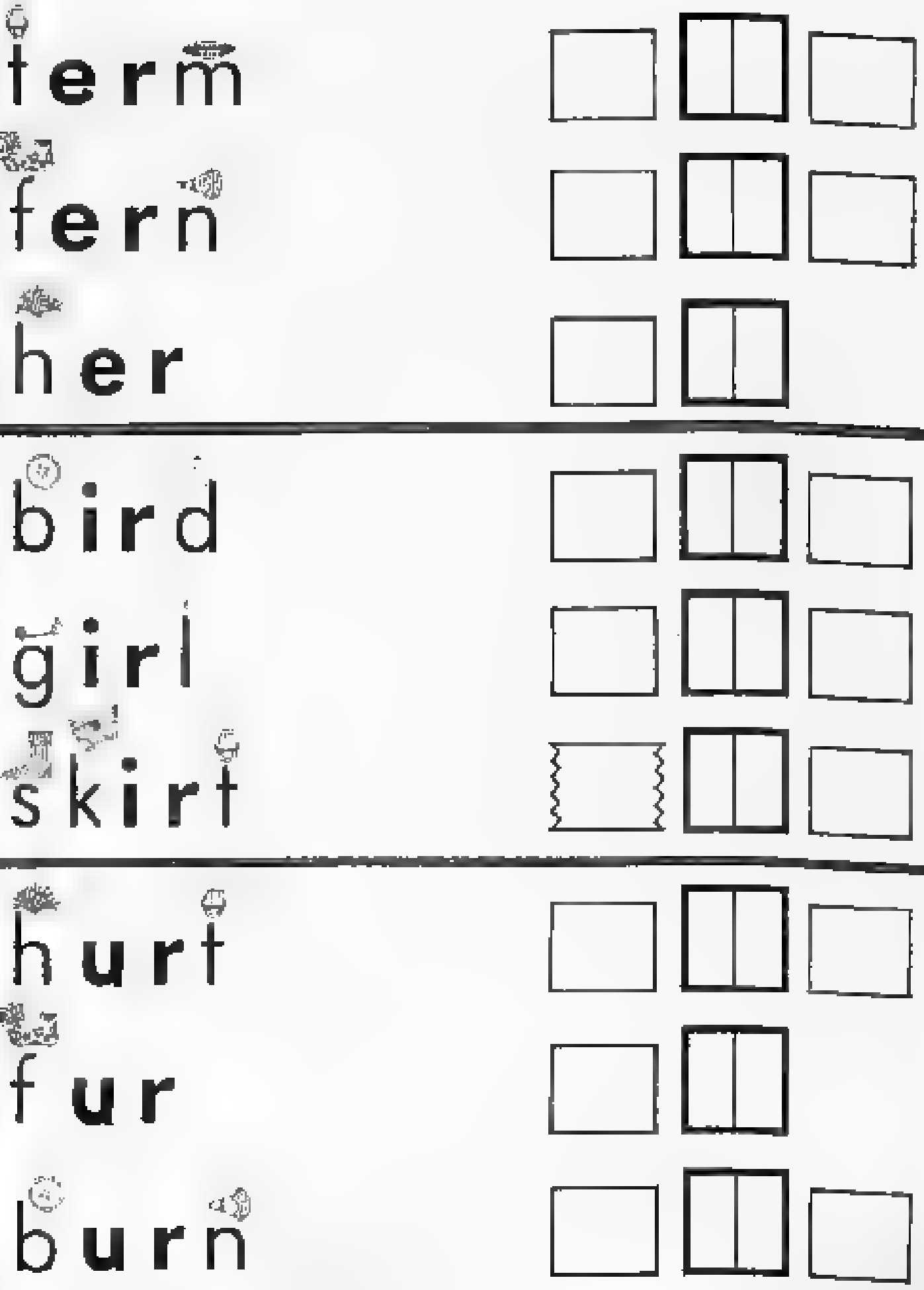
2 girl

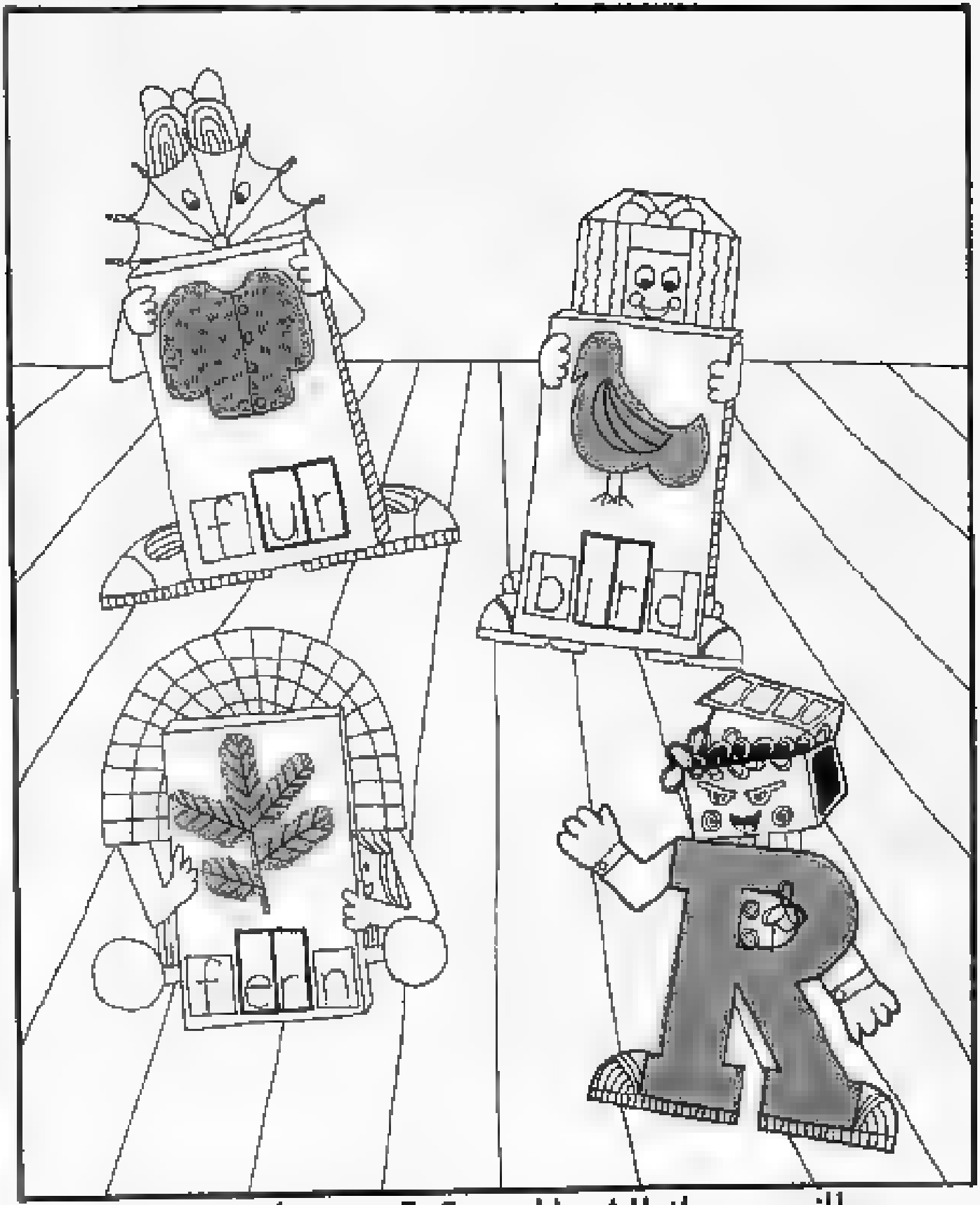
3 skirt

1 hurt

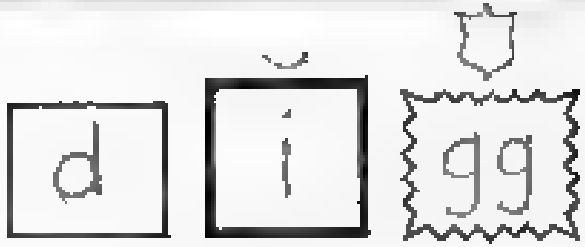
2 fur

3 burn



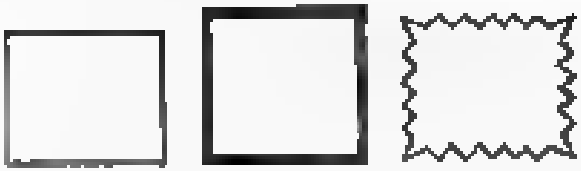


R can stand near E, I, or U. All three will use *er* as in *her*.



1 dig d i gg ing digging

2 tap ing



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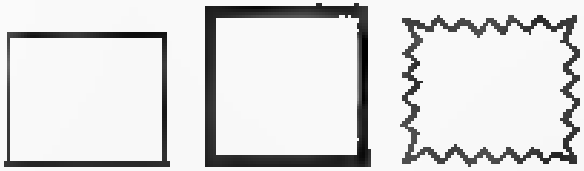

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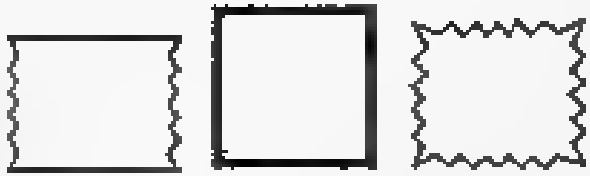

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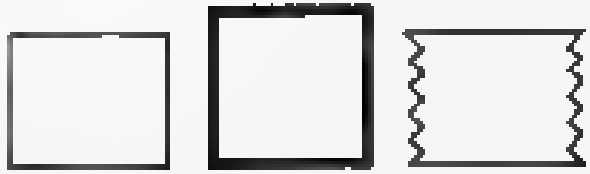

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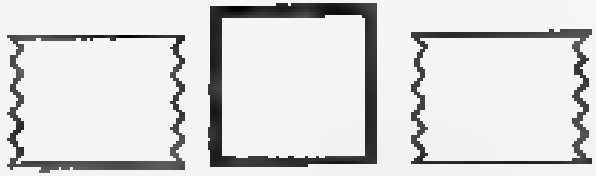

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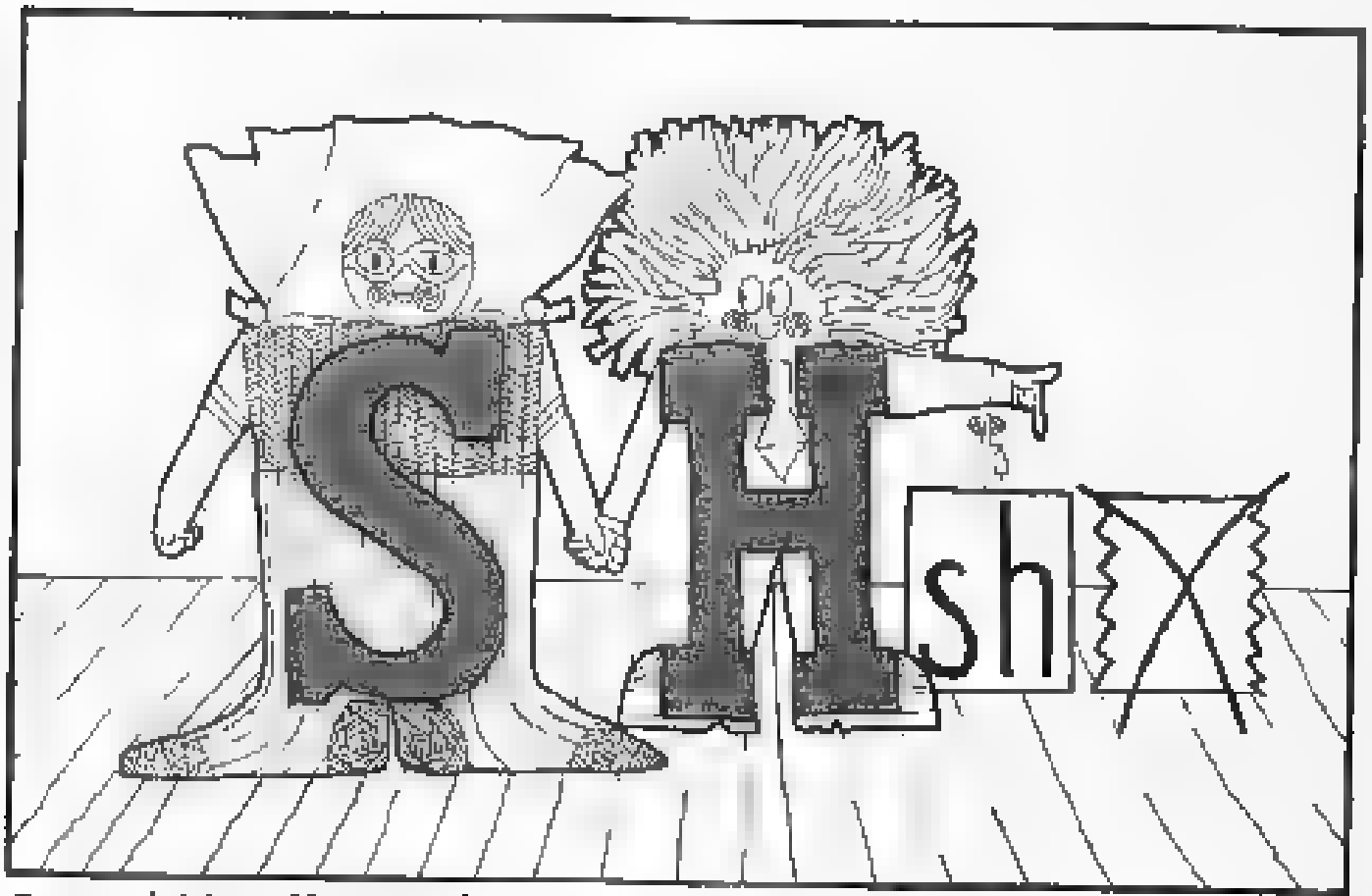
Shaggy Sheep

A shaggy sheep in a shady spot
Shivered though the sun shone hot.
Her shoulders shook, for she was hearing
The shepherd's sharp shears ready for shearing.
She shivered and shook in such a way
That the shepherd put his shears away.
Said the sheep, "I'm not a shapely lamb;
A shaggy sheep is what I am!"



S and H will stand in a plain clue box. *S* and *H* will use *sh*, *sh*.

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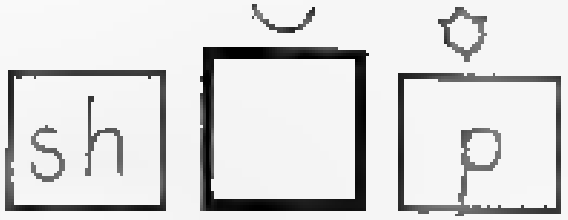

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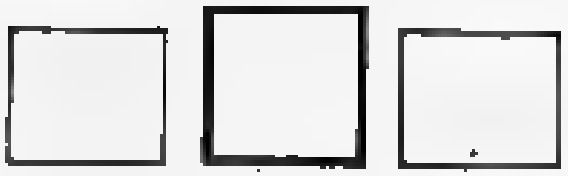

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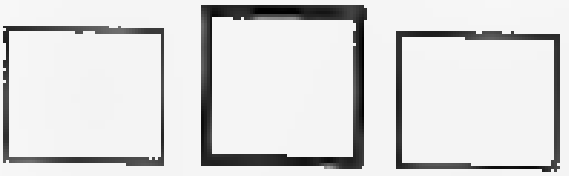

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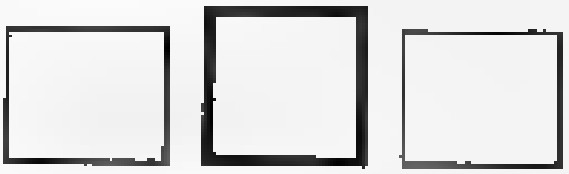

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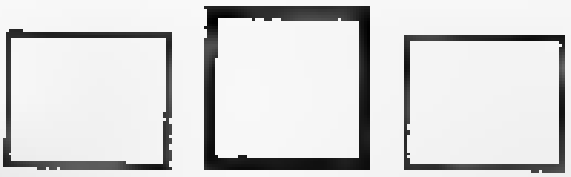
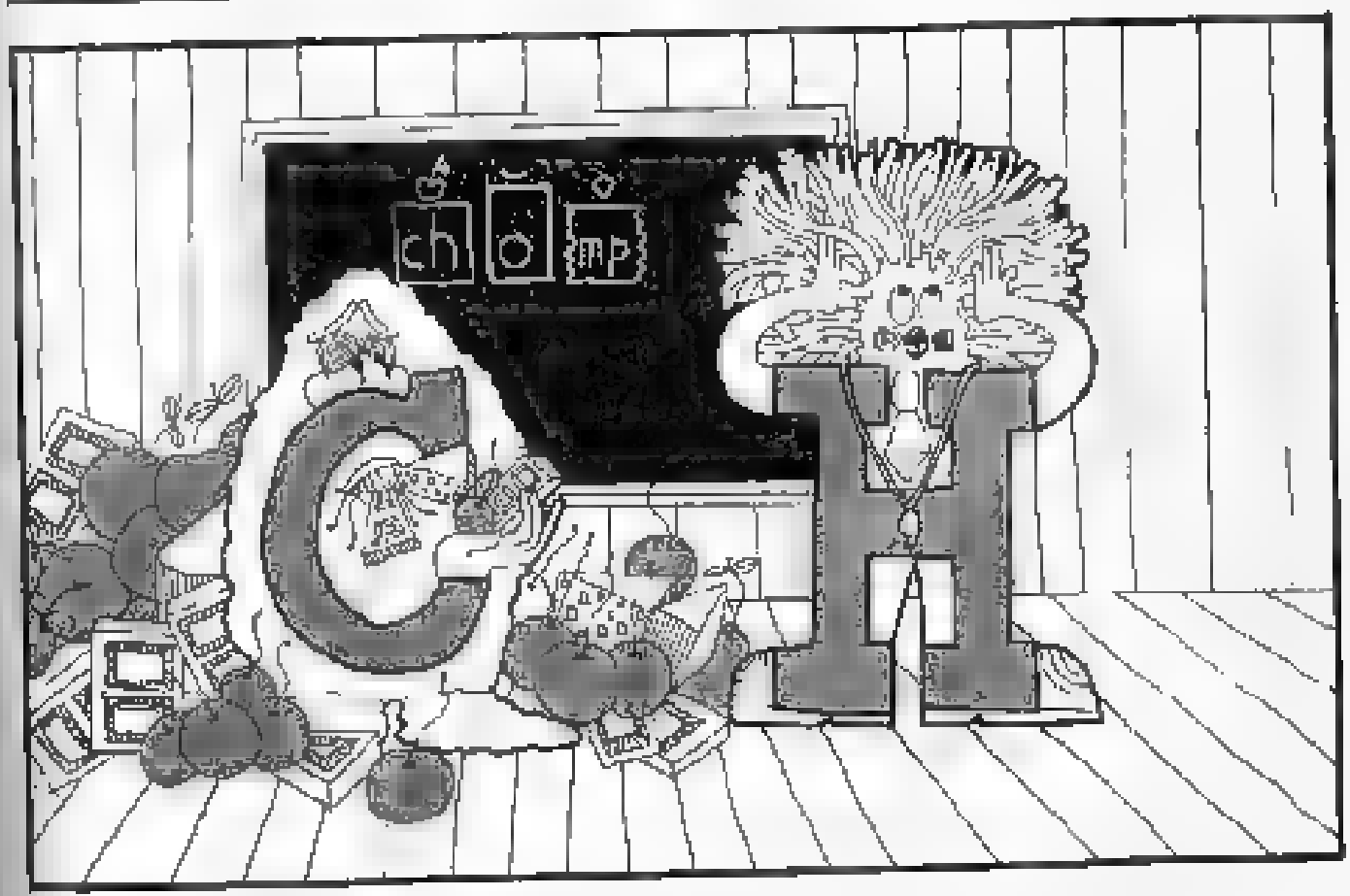


Chew Chooser

When C has nothing else to do
He always chooses things to chew.
He chews on cherries and chocolate candy;
He chews on cheeses that are handy.
Said H to C, "You choose to chew;
I know what sound I'll make with you."
He stood next to C, but didn't push;
And so they *ch* instead of squoosh.



All *H* hears is *chomp, chomp*. *C* and *H* will stand in a plain clue box and use *ch* as in *chomp*.

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2 chat

3 chops

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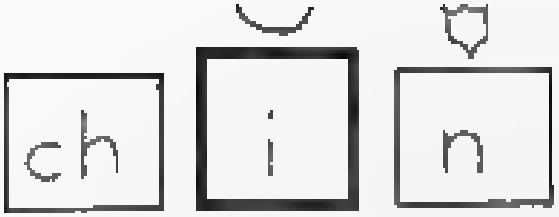
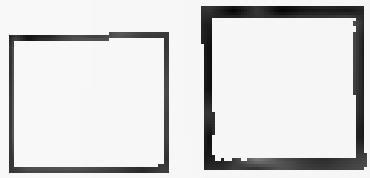
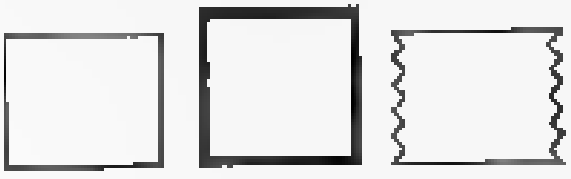
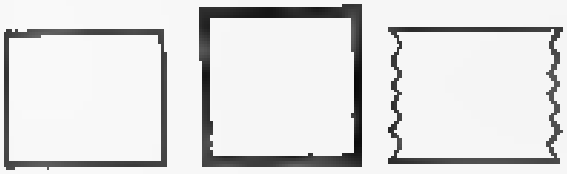
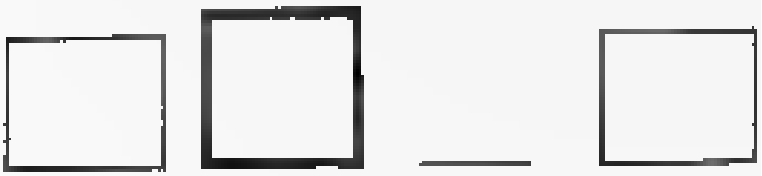
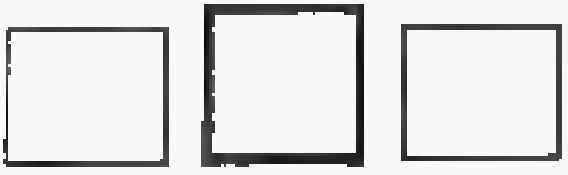


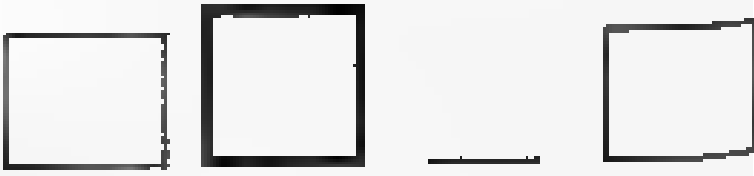






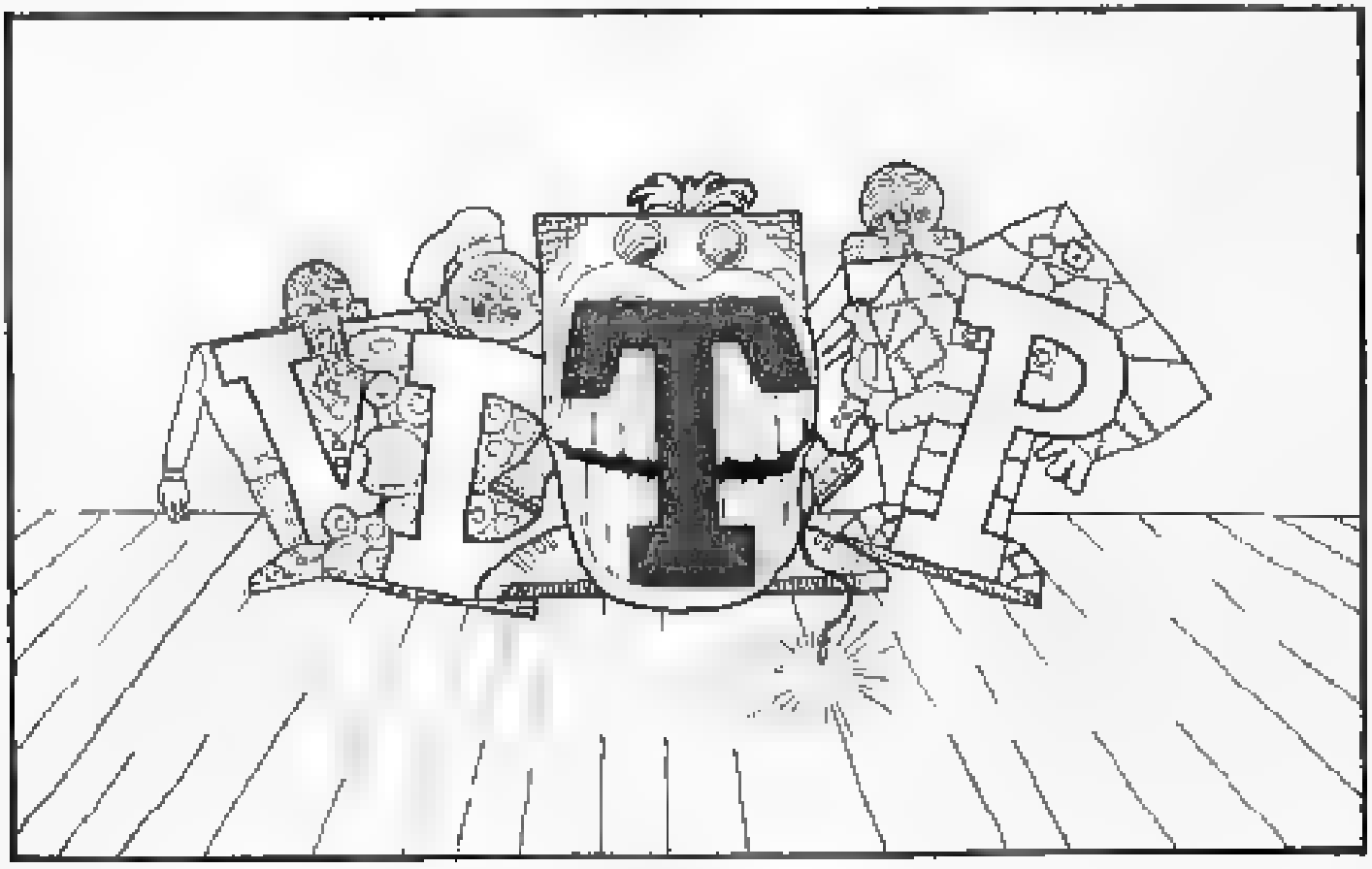






The Thing

Mr. H was most upset
On Thursday when the letters met.
As he thanked them in a greeting,
Mr. T arrived at the meeting.
Leading a thingamajig on a string,
Said Mr. T, "This is The Thing."
This Thing was neither thick nor thin;
Said Mr. H, "This can't come in."



This Thing can not be seen. Is it thin? Is it thick? This Thing is all mine.

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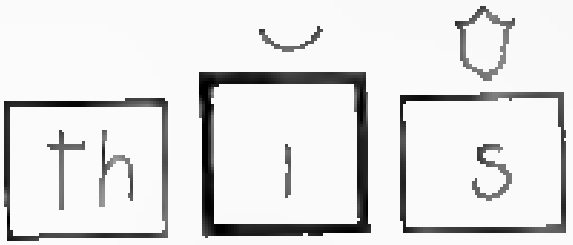

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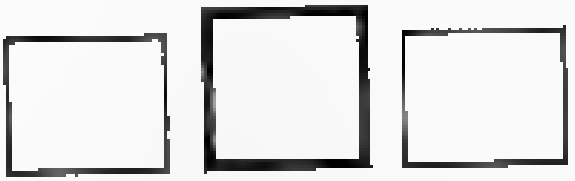

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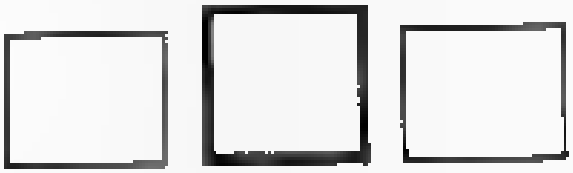

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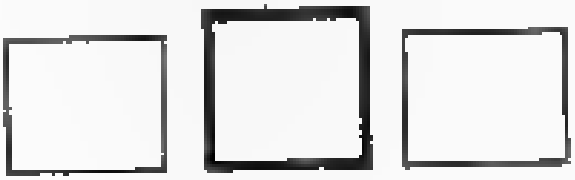

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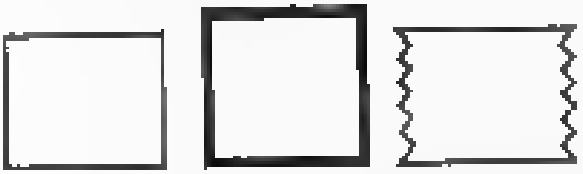

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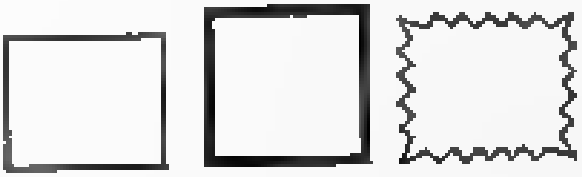

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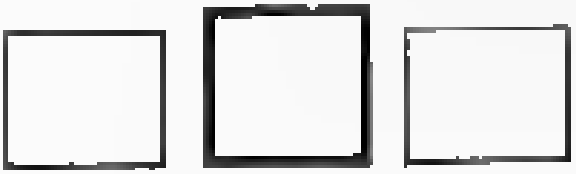

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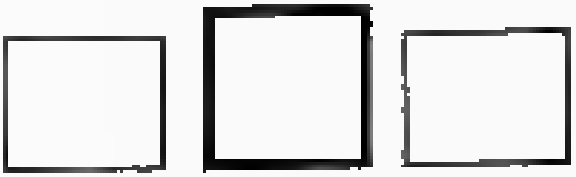

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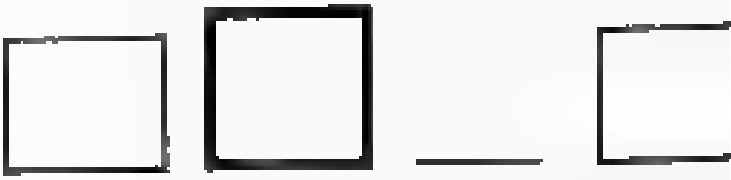
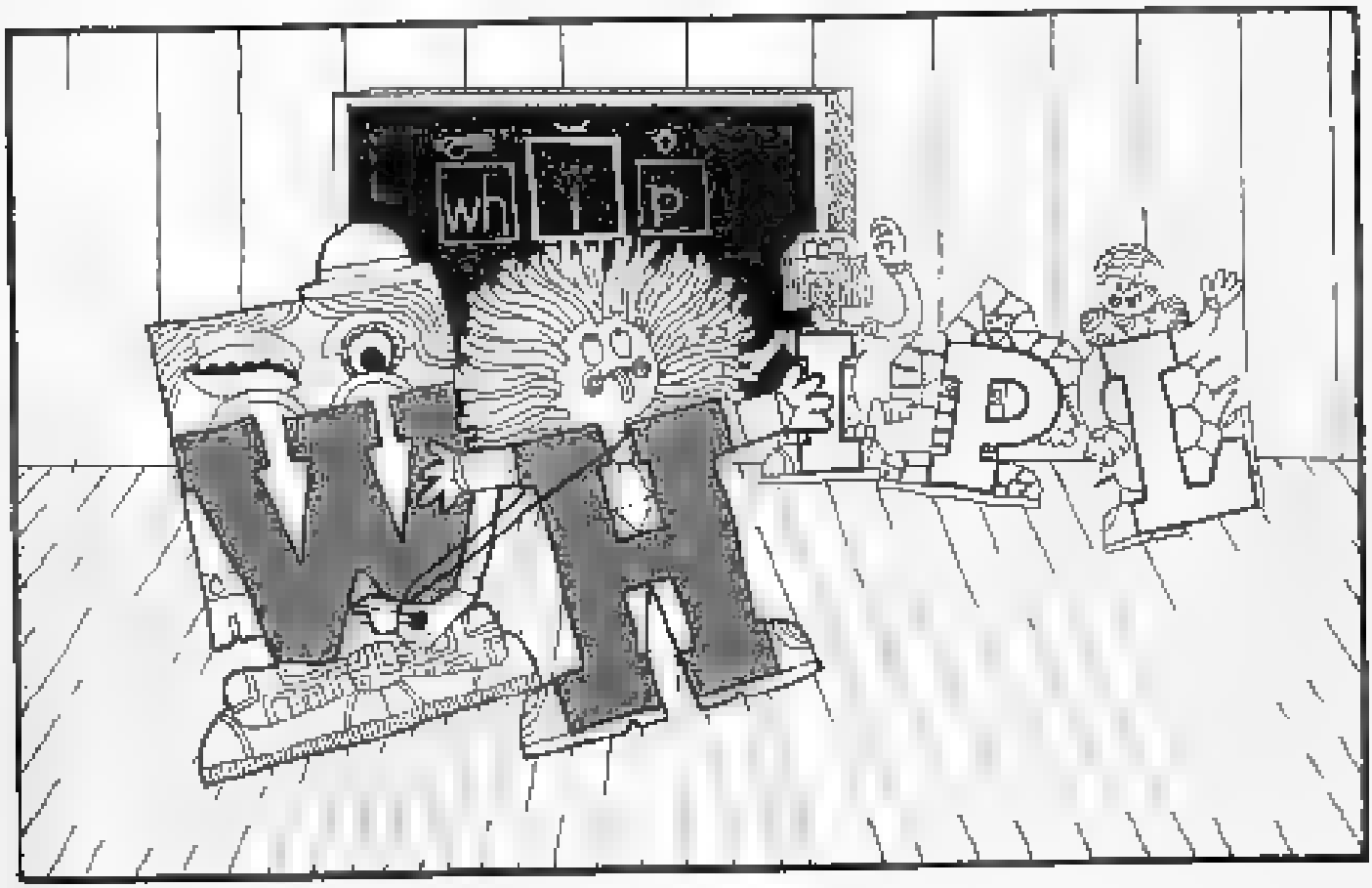


Whipper the Whale

When Whipper the Whale came whizzing by
He swam so fast that we wondered why.
When he whizzed by, some of the boys
Heard a whirr'ng, whining noise.
The noise to which the boys were referring
Were wheels on the whale whining and whirring.



Stop it, Pest! *W* and *H* will stand in a plain clue box and use *wh* as in *whip*.

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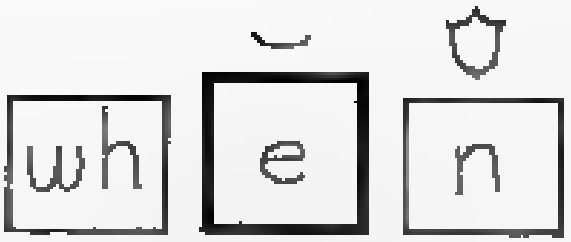

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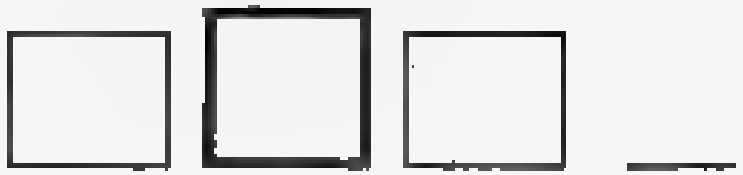

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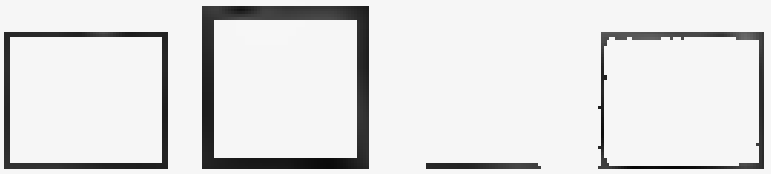

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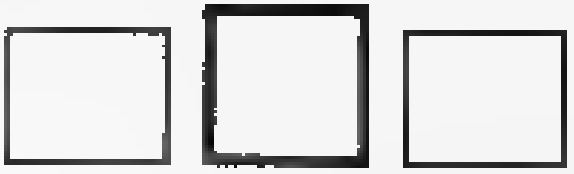

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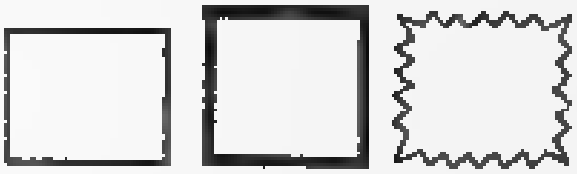

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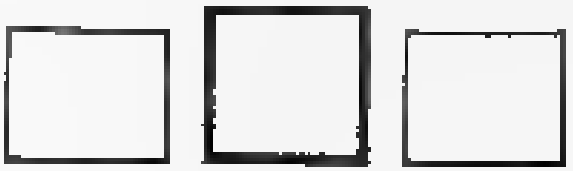

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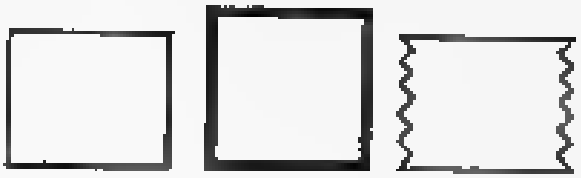

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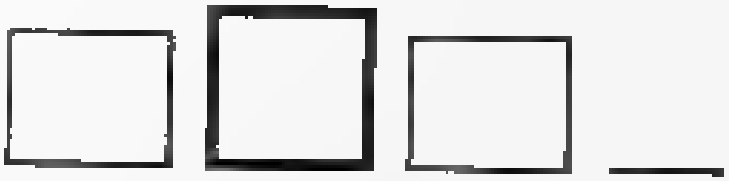

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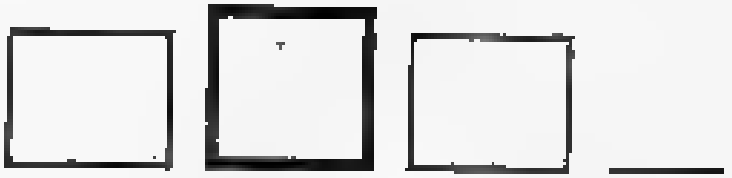

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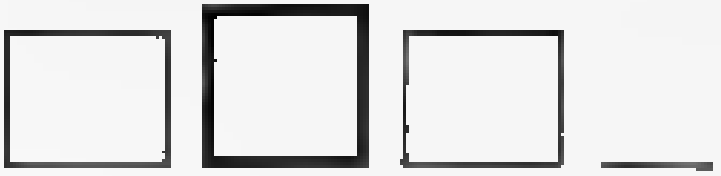
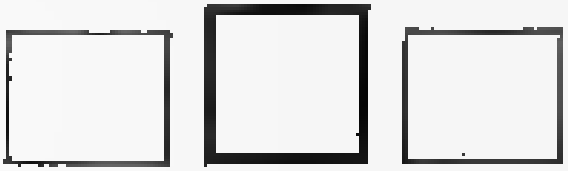
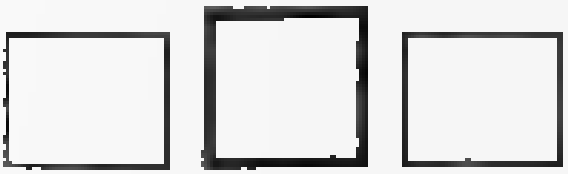
2. chase 
3. that 
4. shop 
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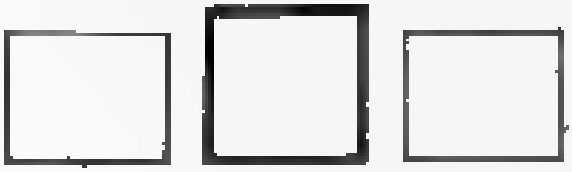
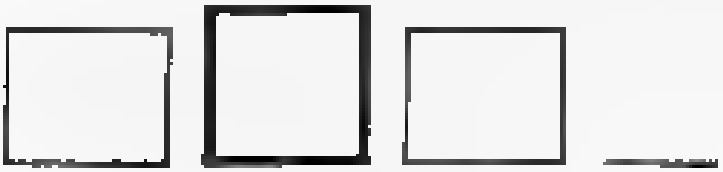
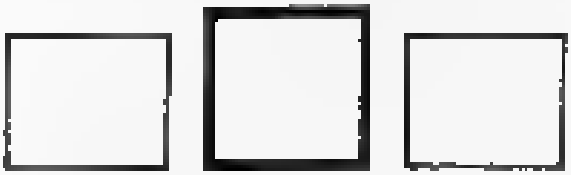
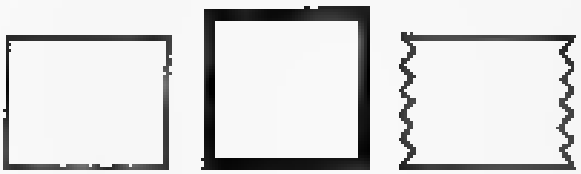
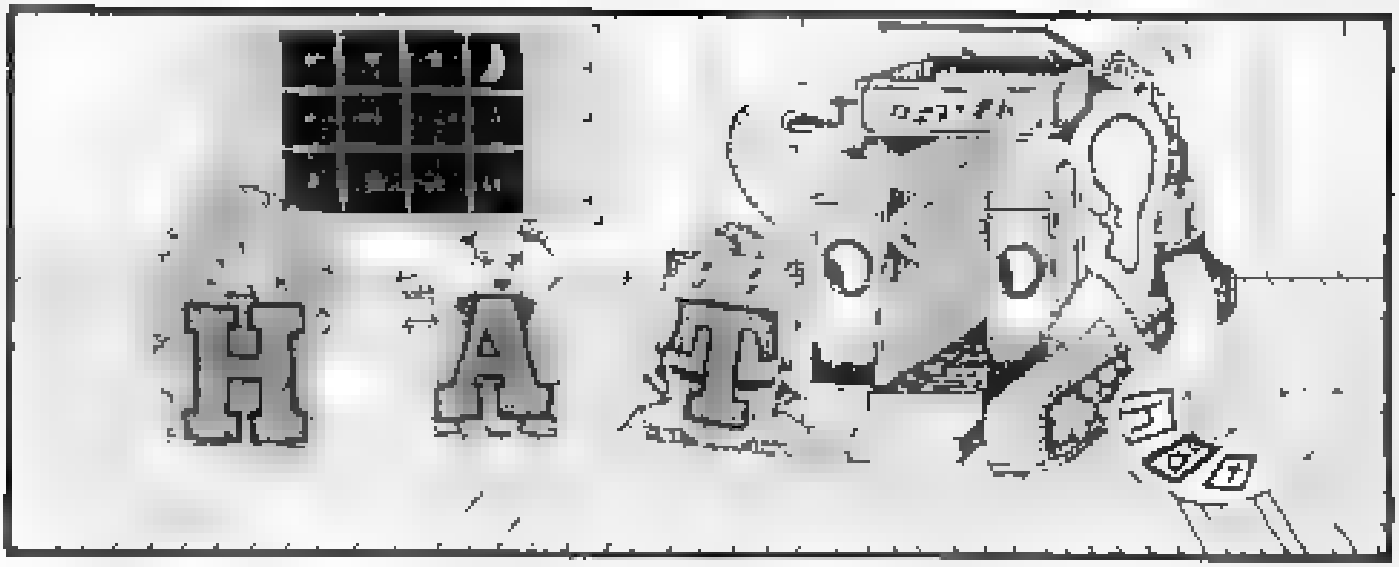
6. path 
7. while 
8. chin 
9. shuts 



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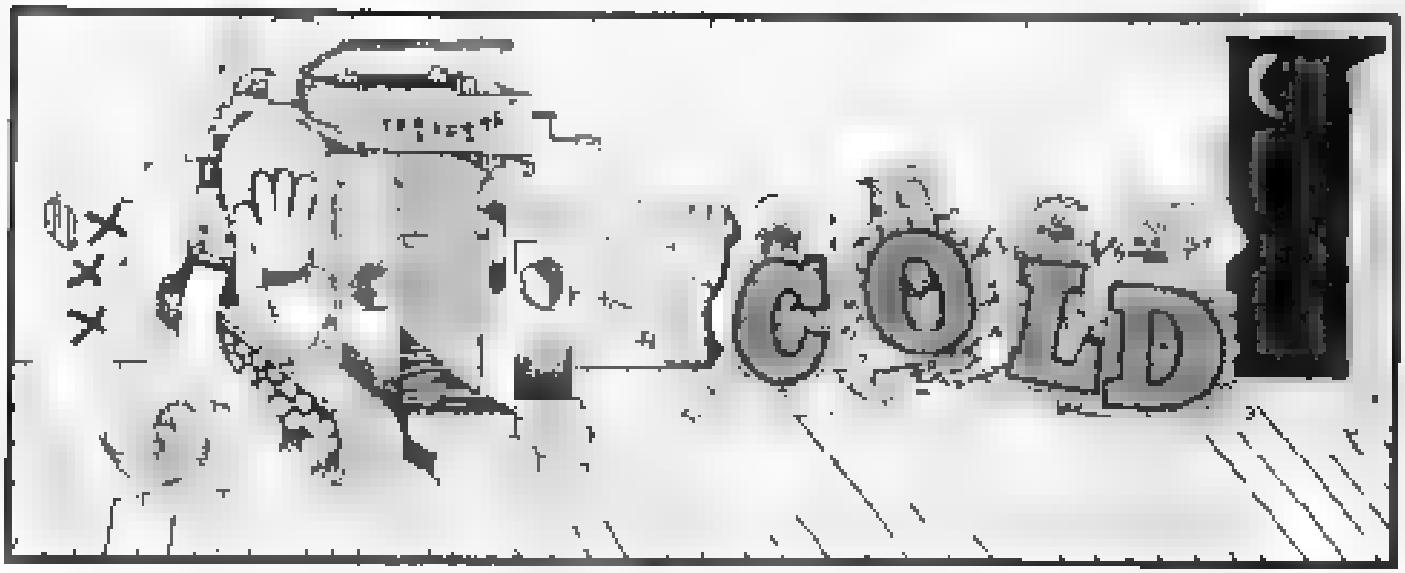

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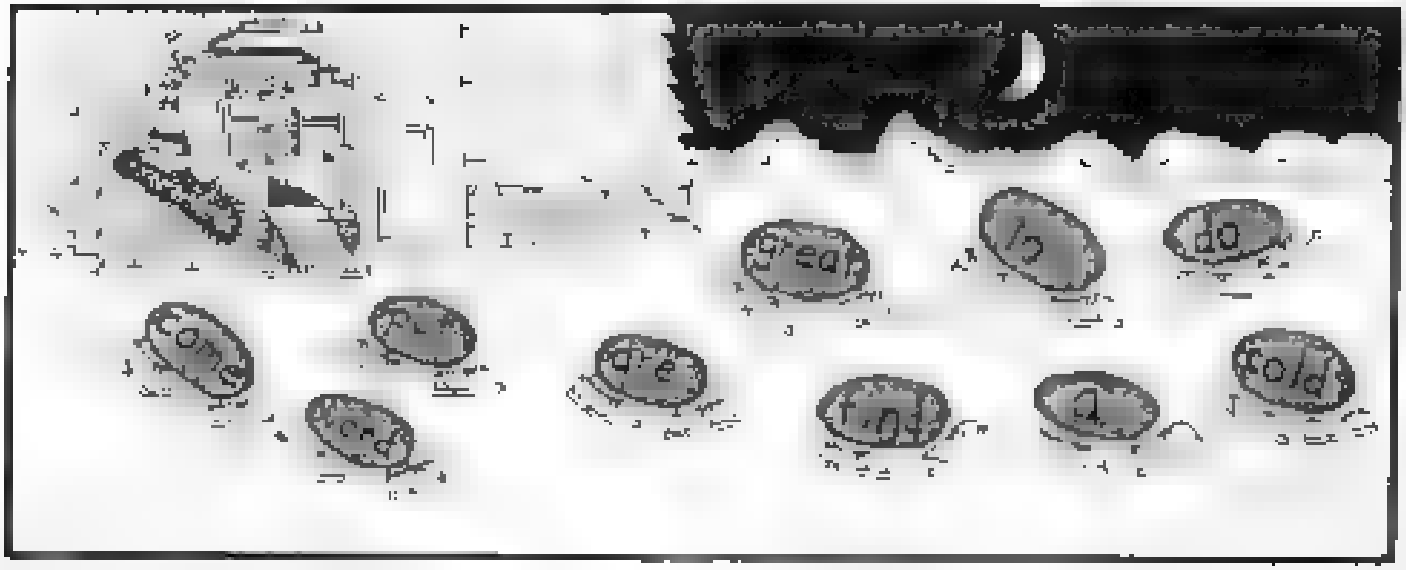

We will run and run.

□ a p _____

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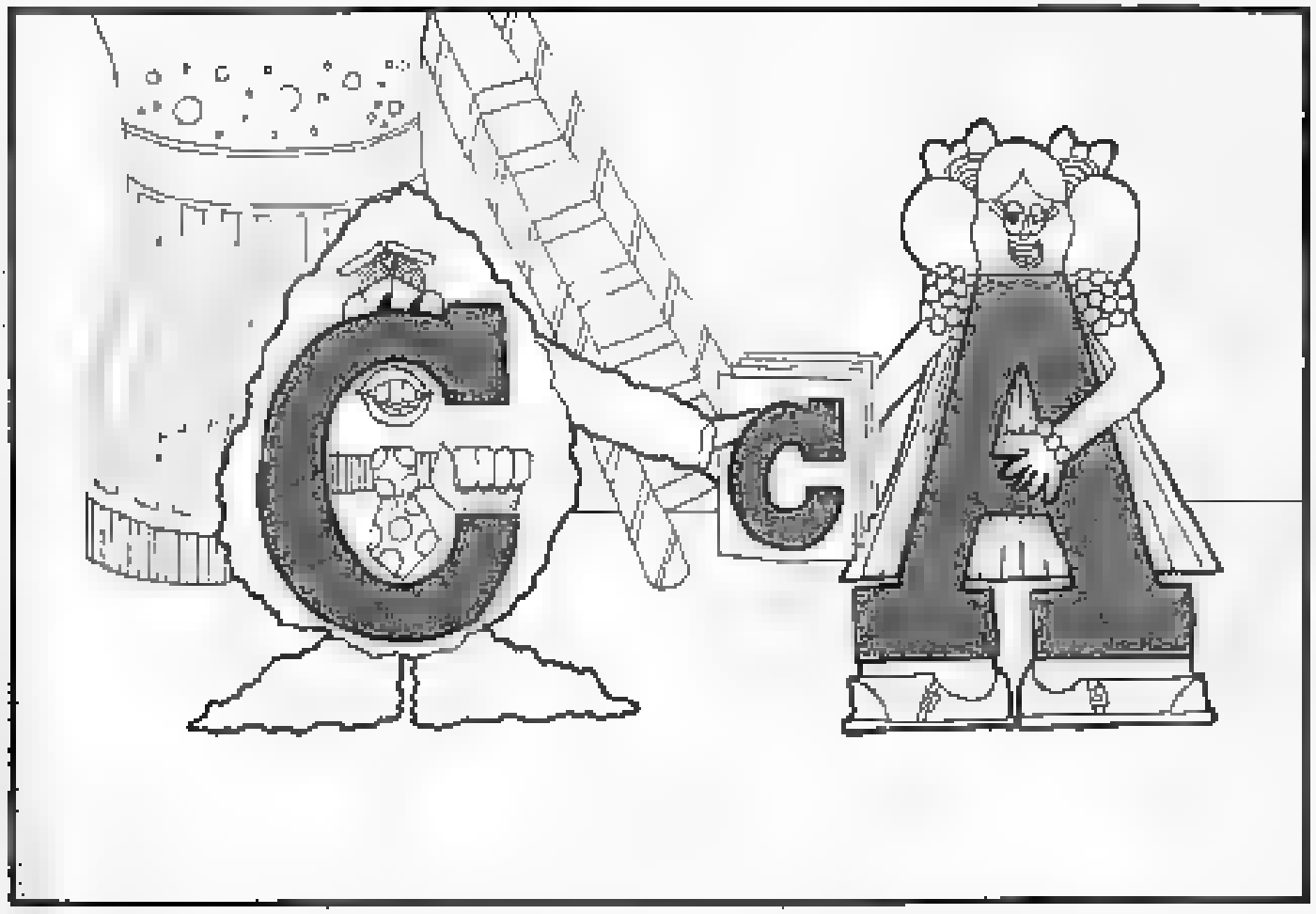
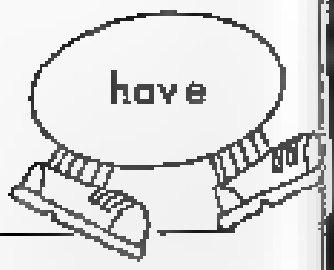
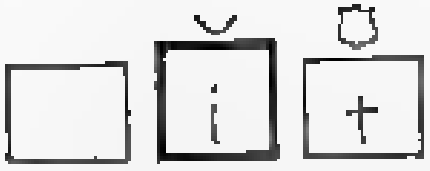
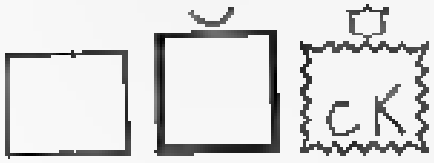
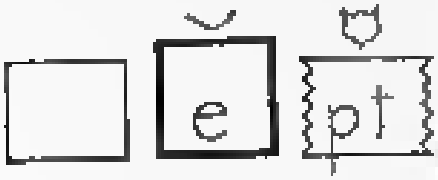


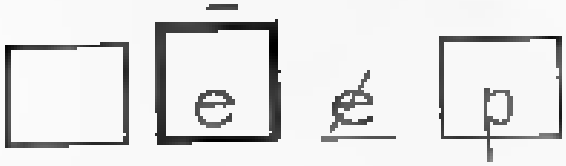
While K drank, C ran to get his name next to Miss A. K did not see him do it. C got there first.

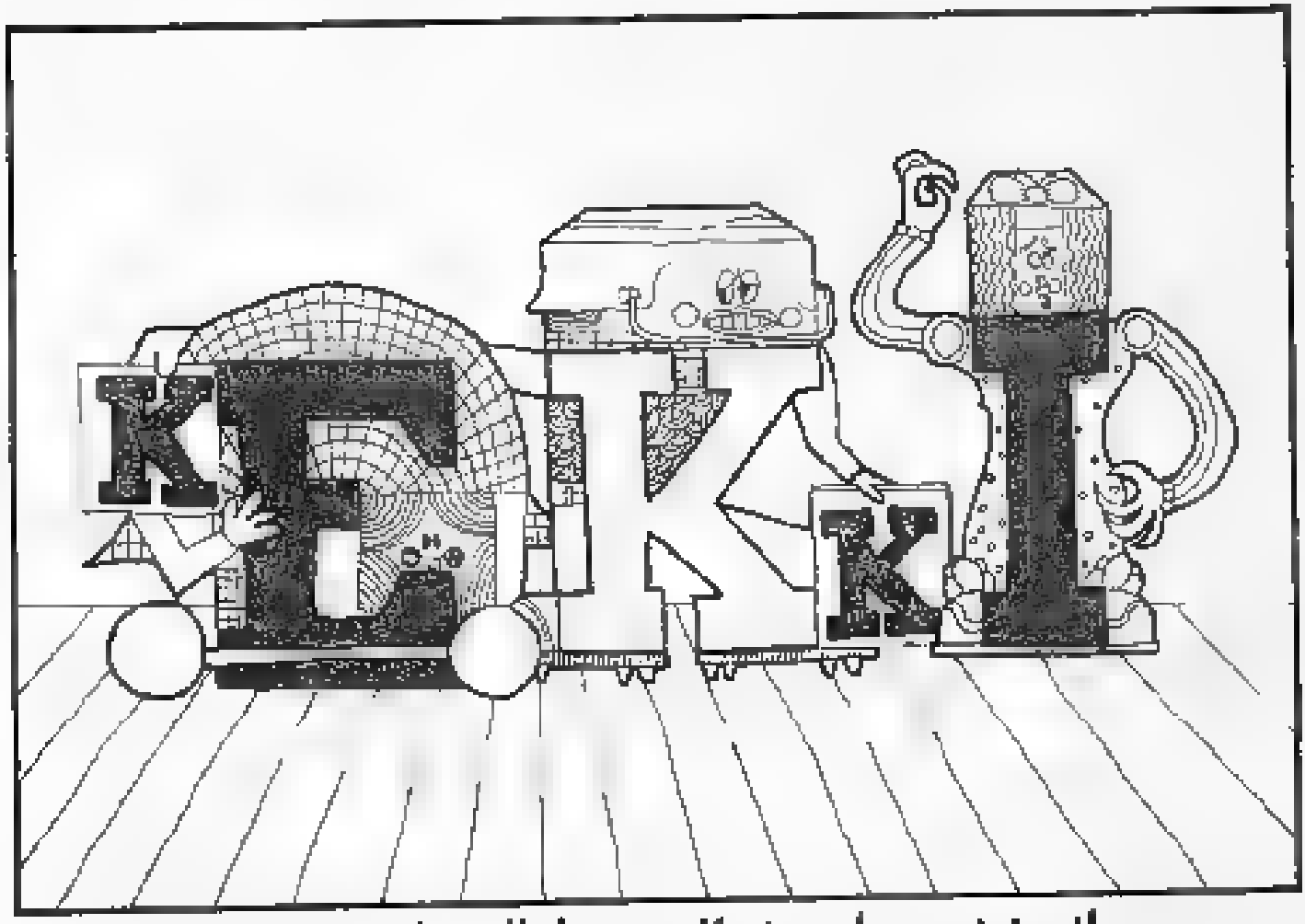




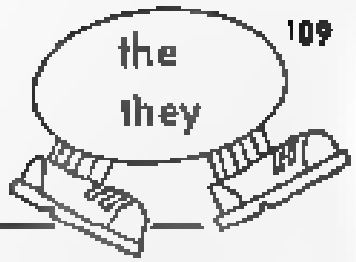








Miss E and Miss I will have K stand next to them.



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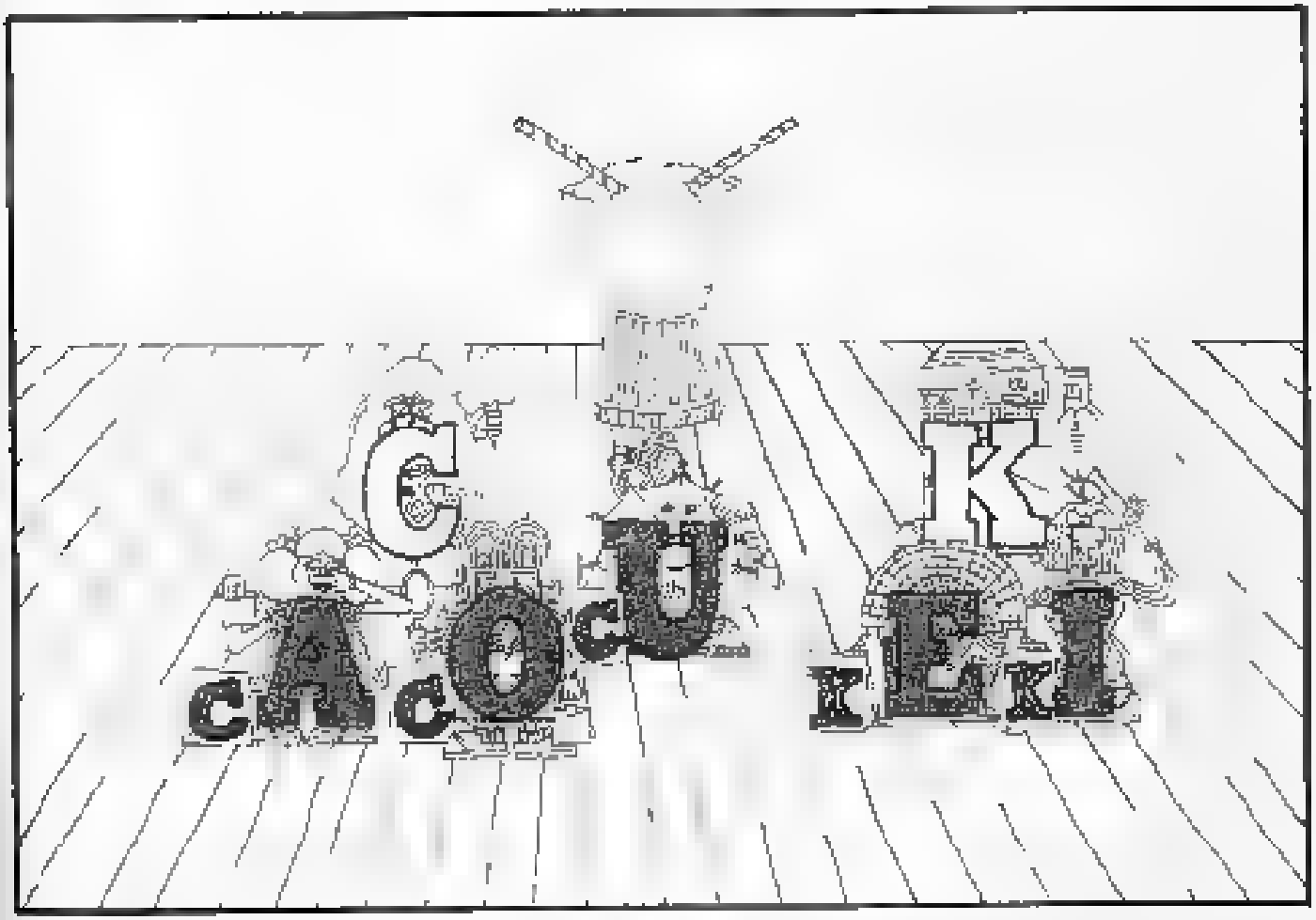

K stands next to *E* and *I*. *C* stands next to the rest of the girls: they are *A*, *O* and *U*.

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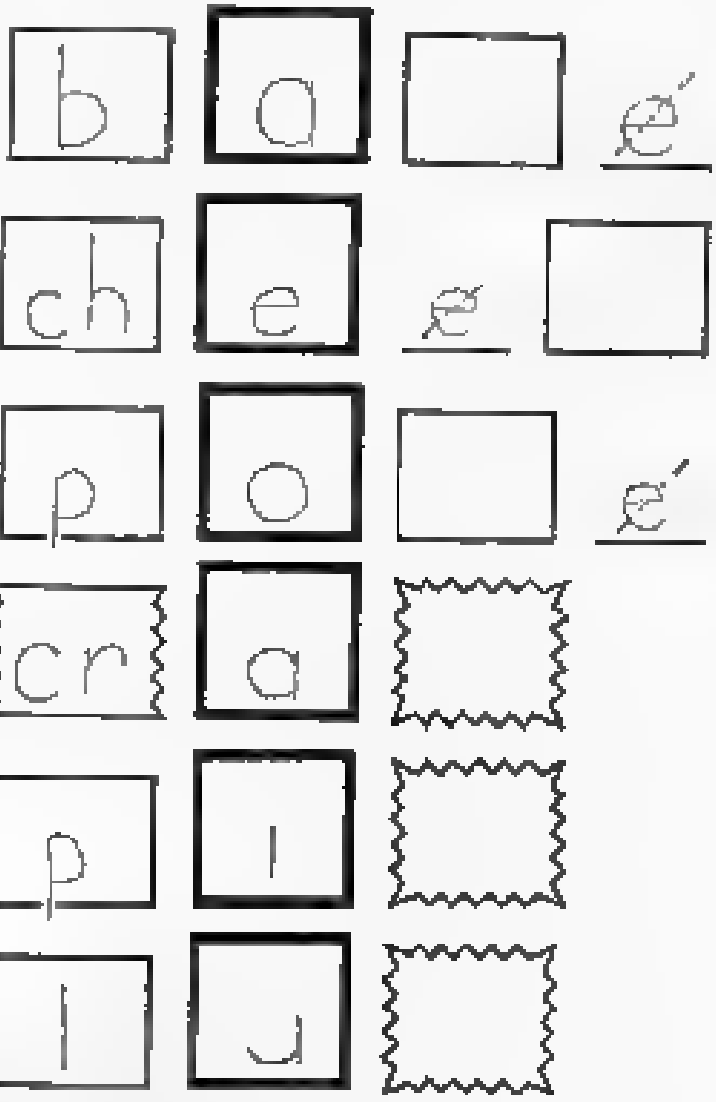
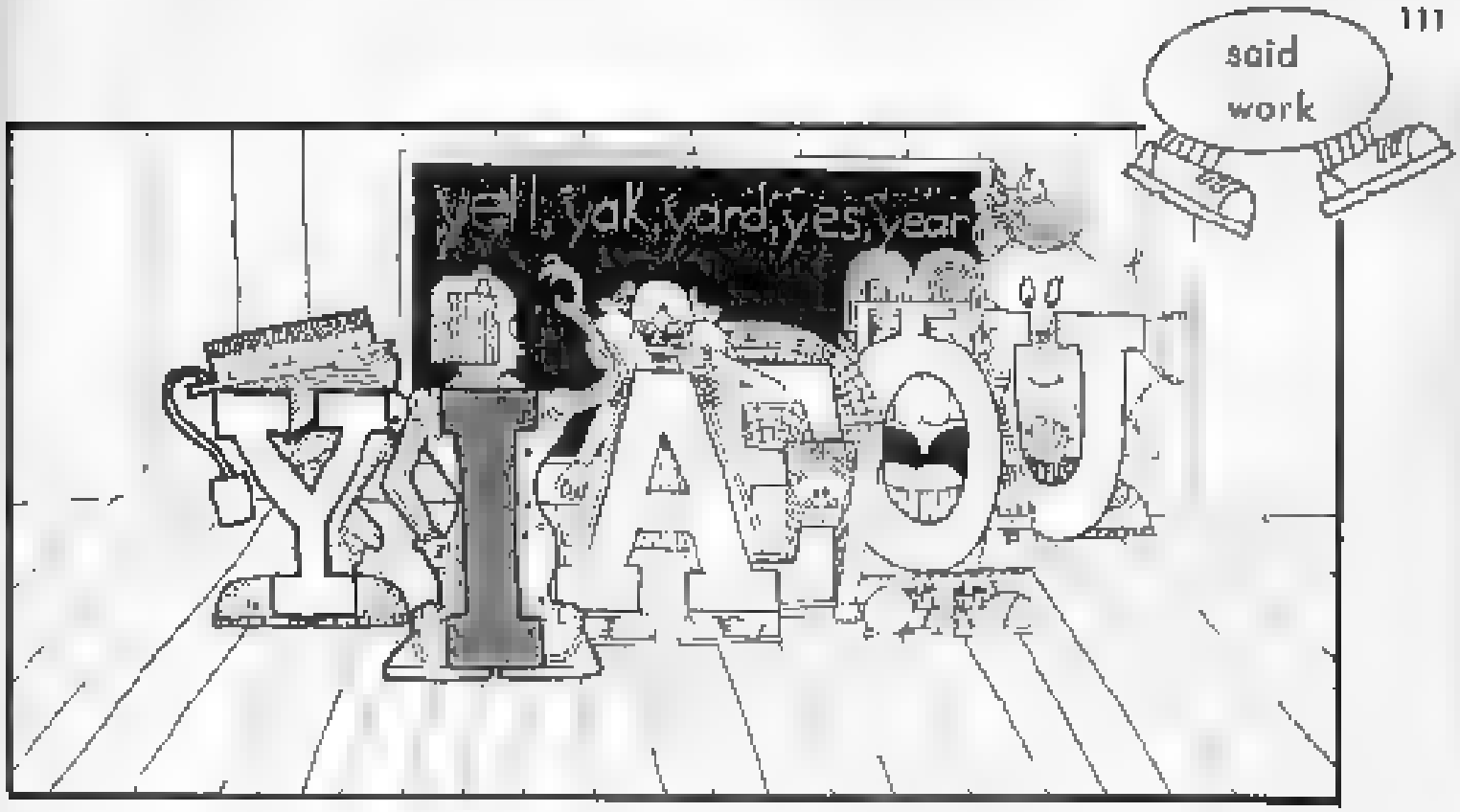
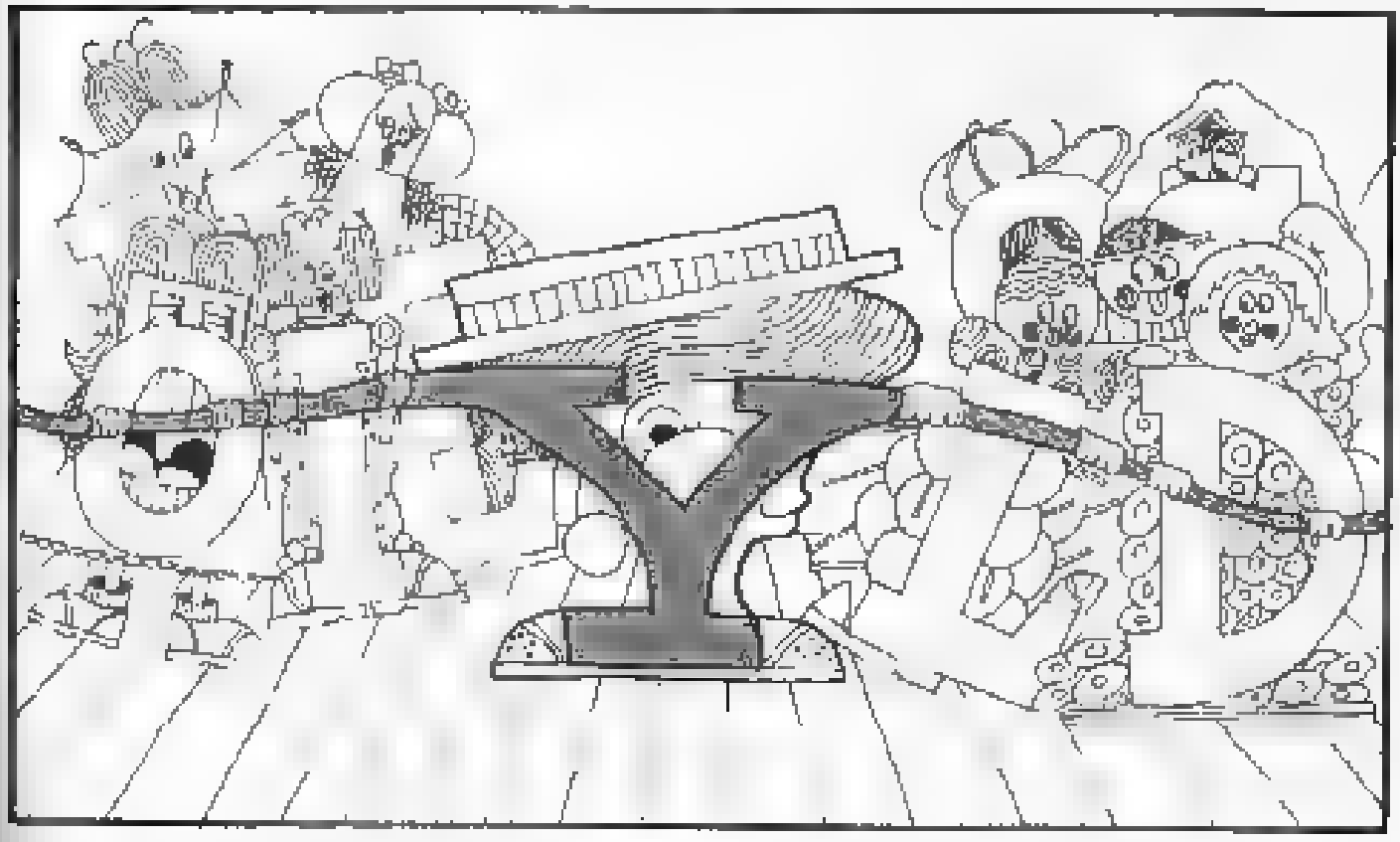
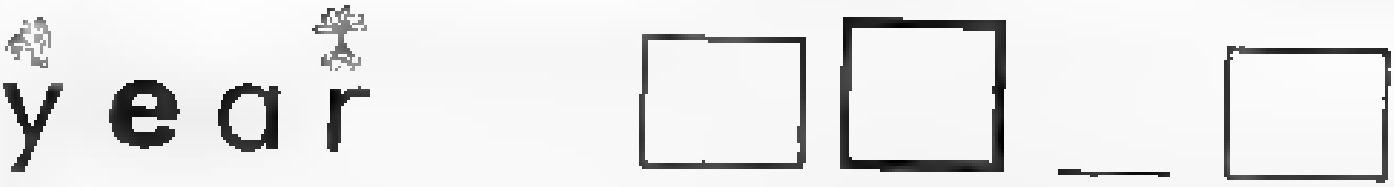
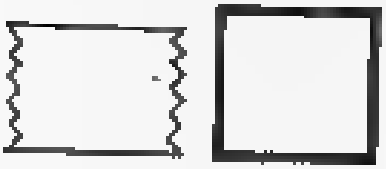
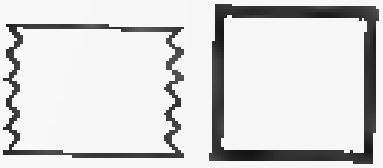
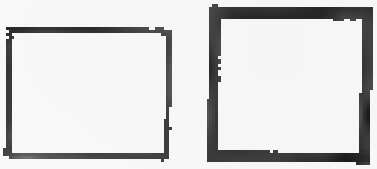
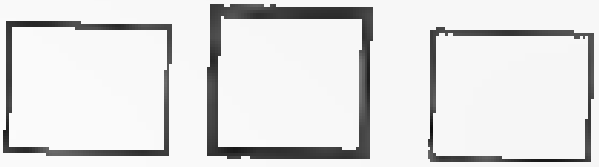
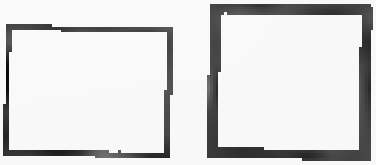
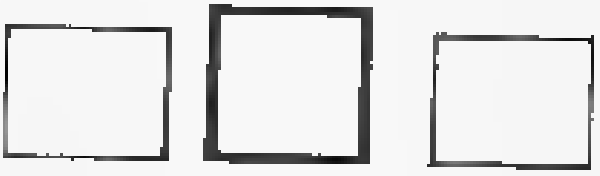
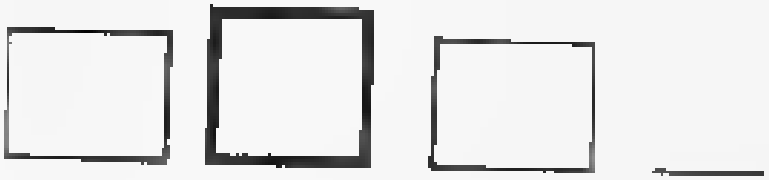
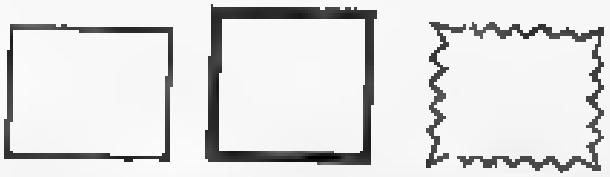




Miss I said, "Y can be in more words. Let Y be on the girls' side. Let him work as a vowel."



The boys said, "Y is a boy." Y said, "I am so wide that I will be glad to be part of each side."

1. year 
2. cry 
3. spy 
4. by 
5. myth 
6. why 
7. yes 
8. type 
9. yell 

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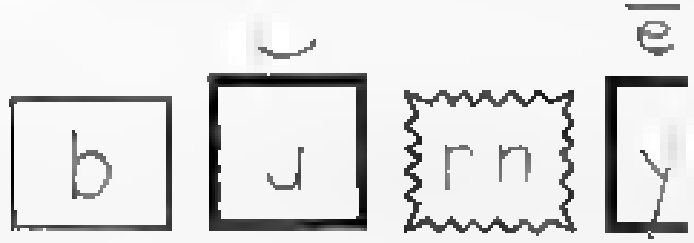

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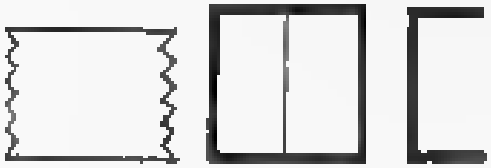

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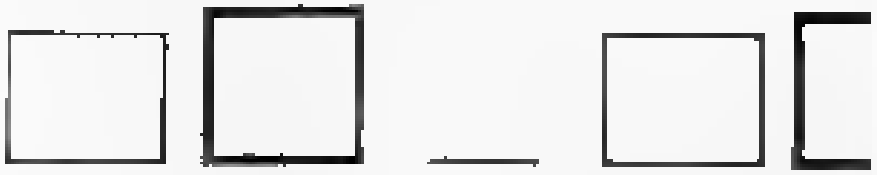

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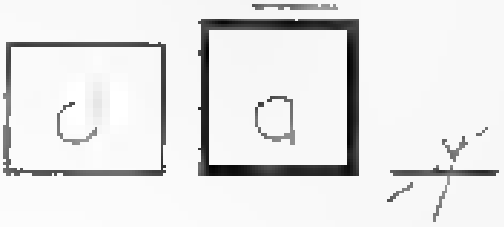

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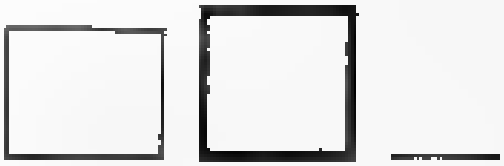

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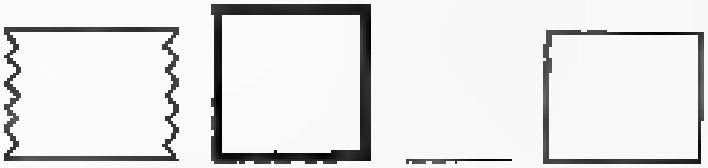

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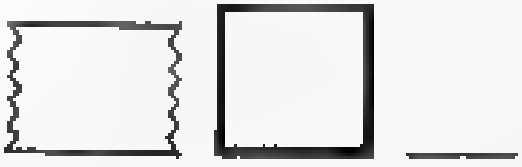

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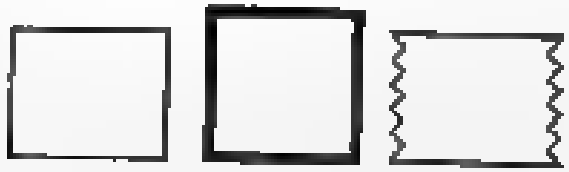

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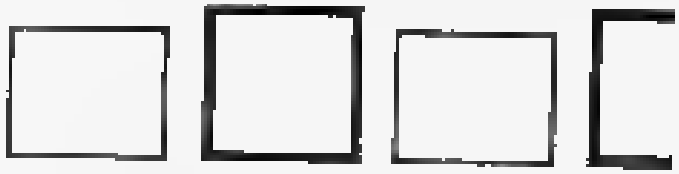

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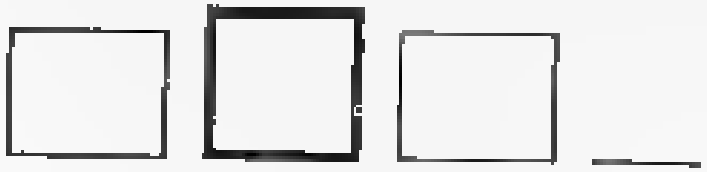

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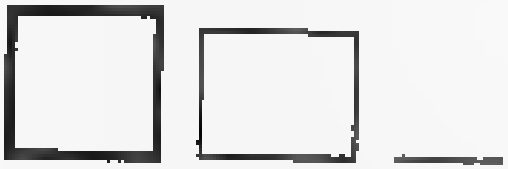

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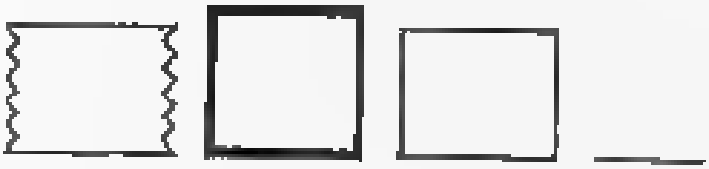

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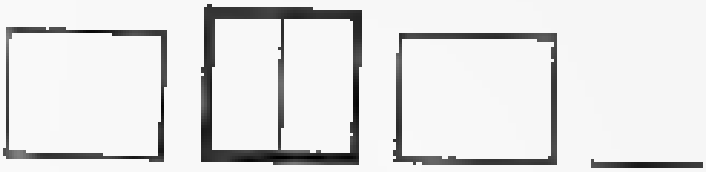

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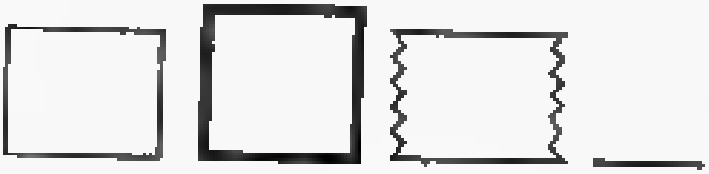

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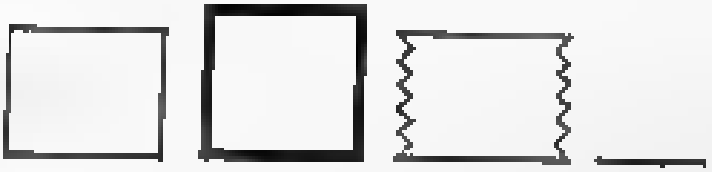
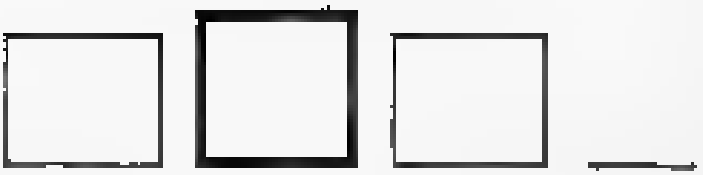
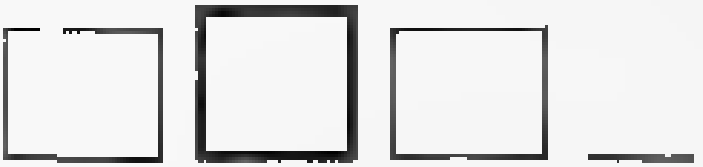
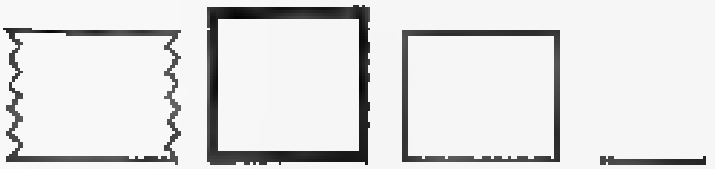
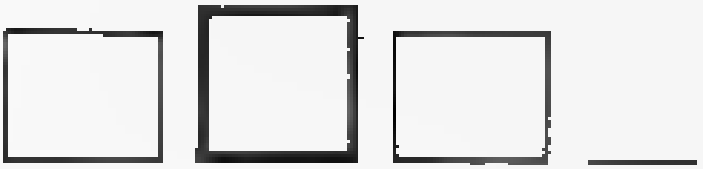
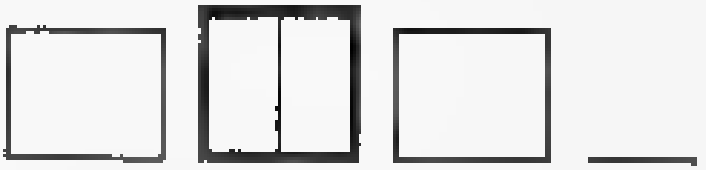
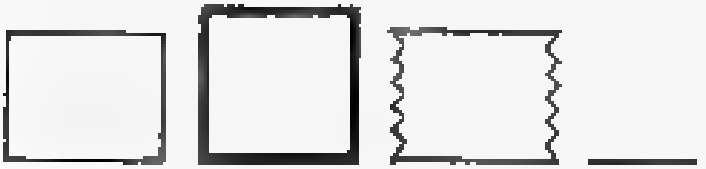
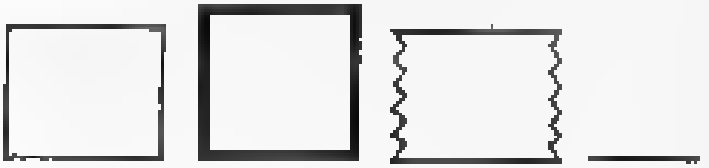
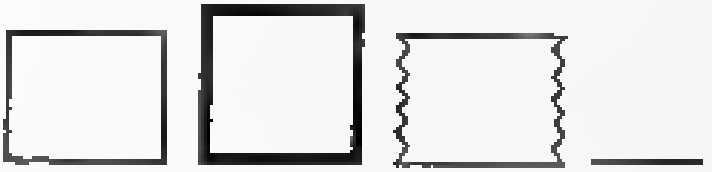
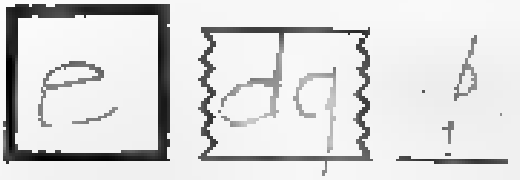


1. page 
2. huge 
3. stage 
4. cage 
5. large 
6. ridge 
7. badge 
8. fudge 
9. edge 

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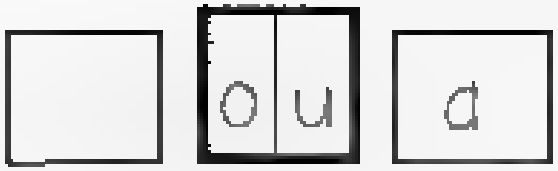

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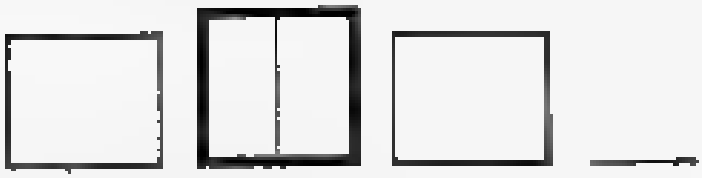

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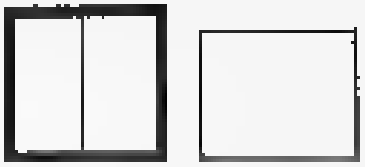

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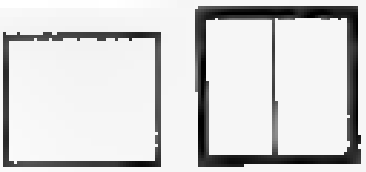

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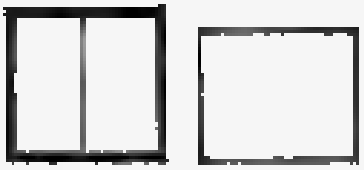

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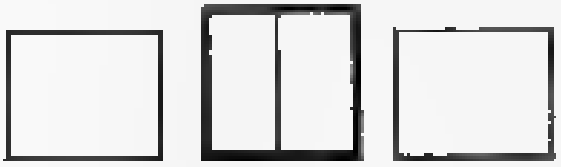

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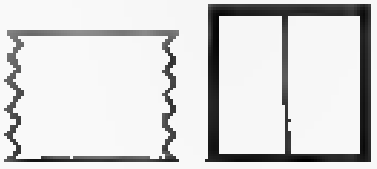

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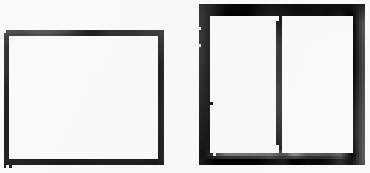

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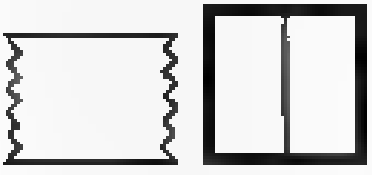
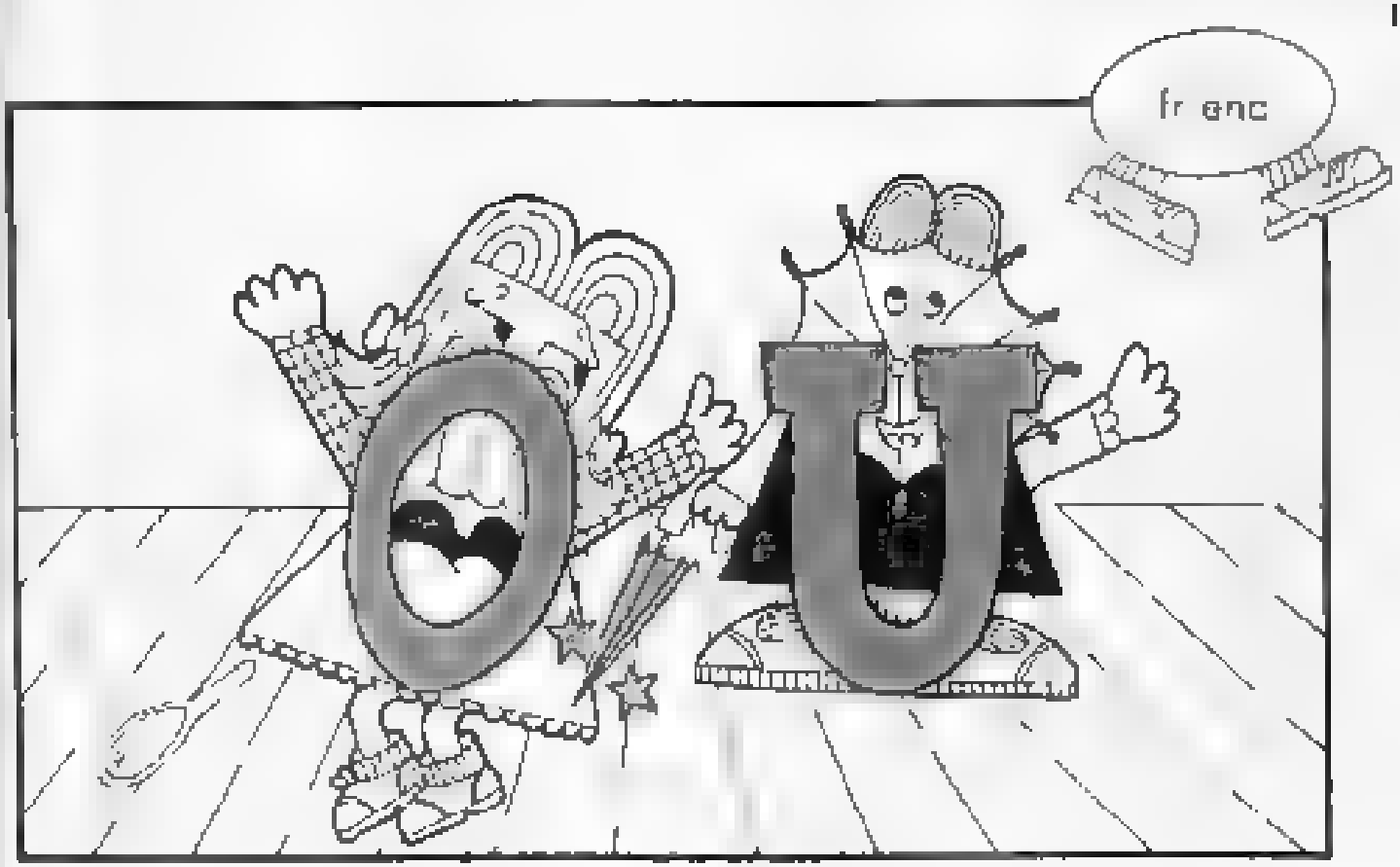
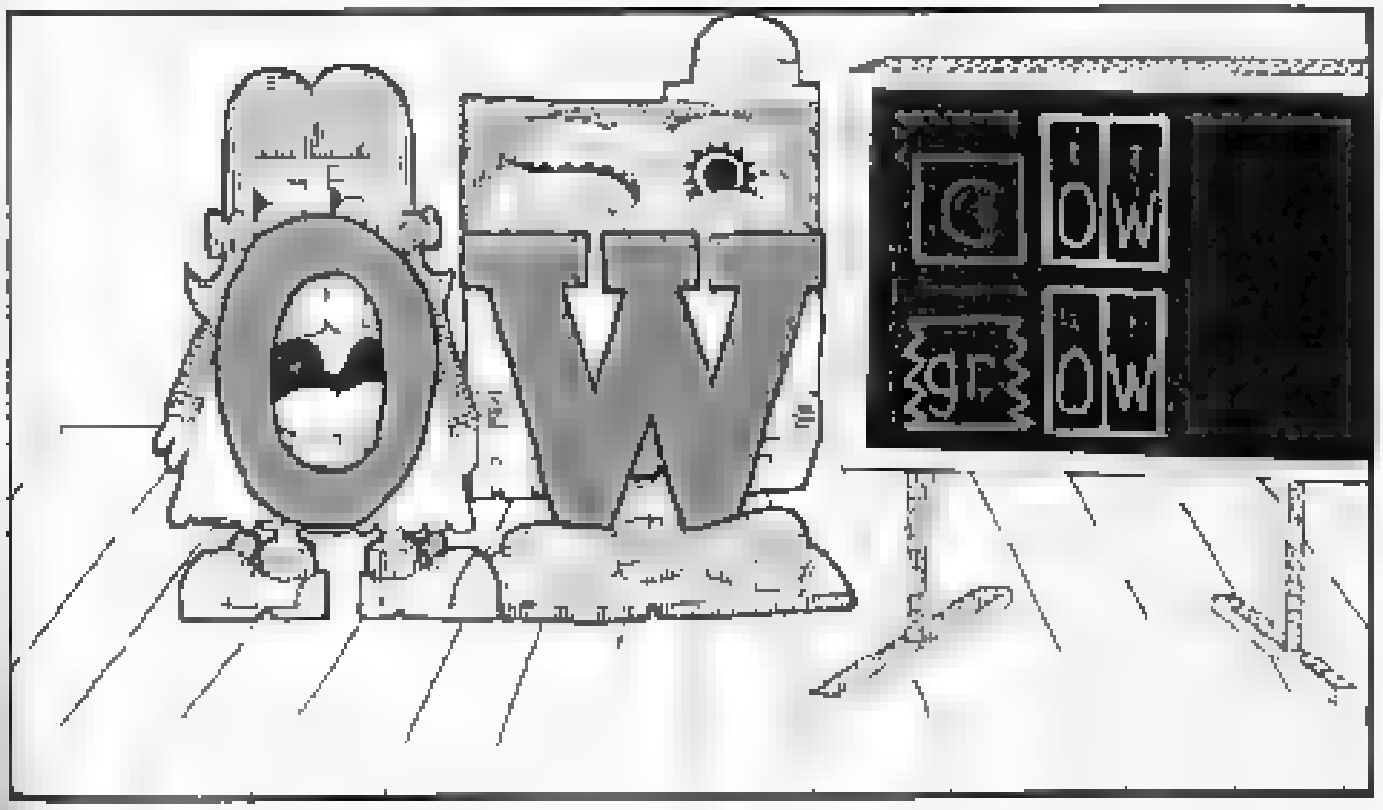
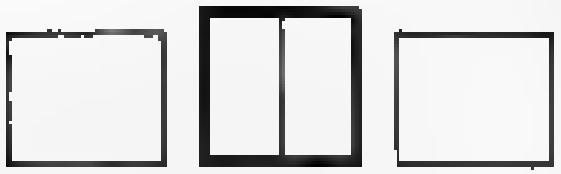
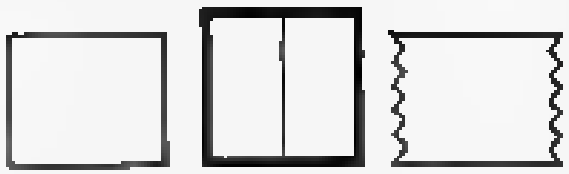
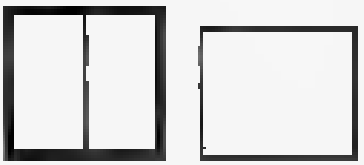
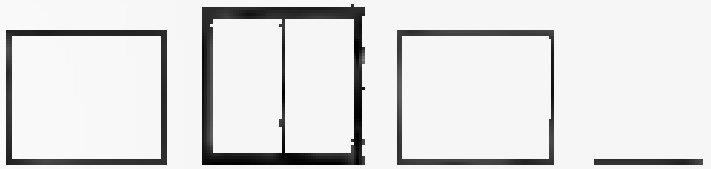
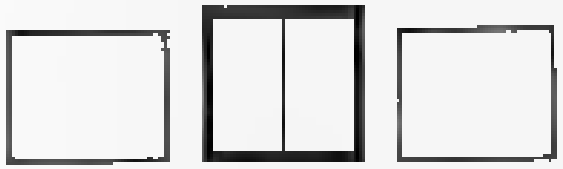
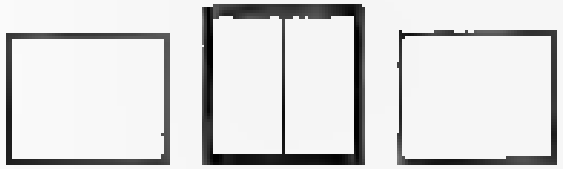
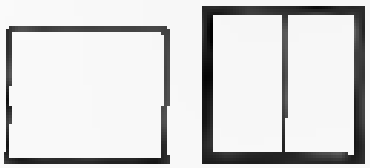
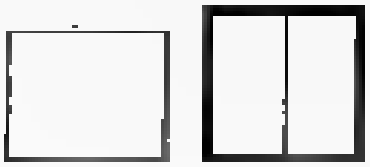
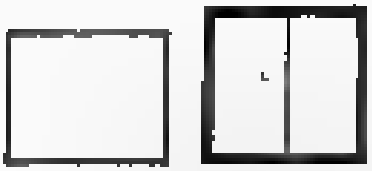


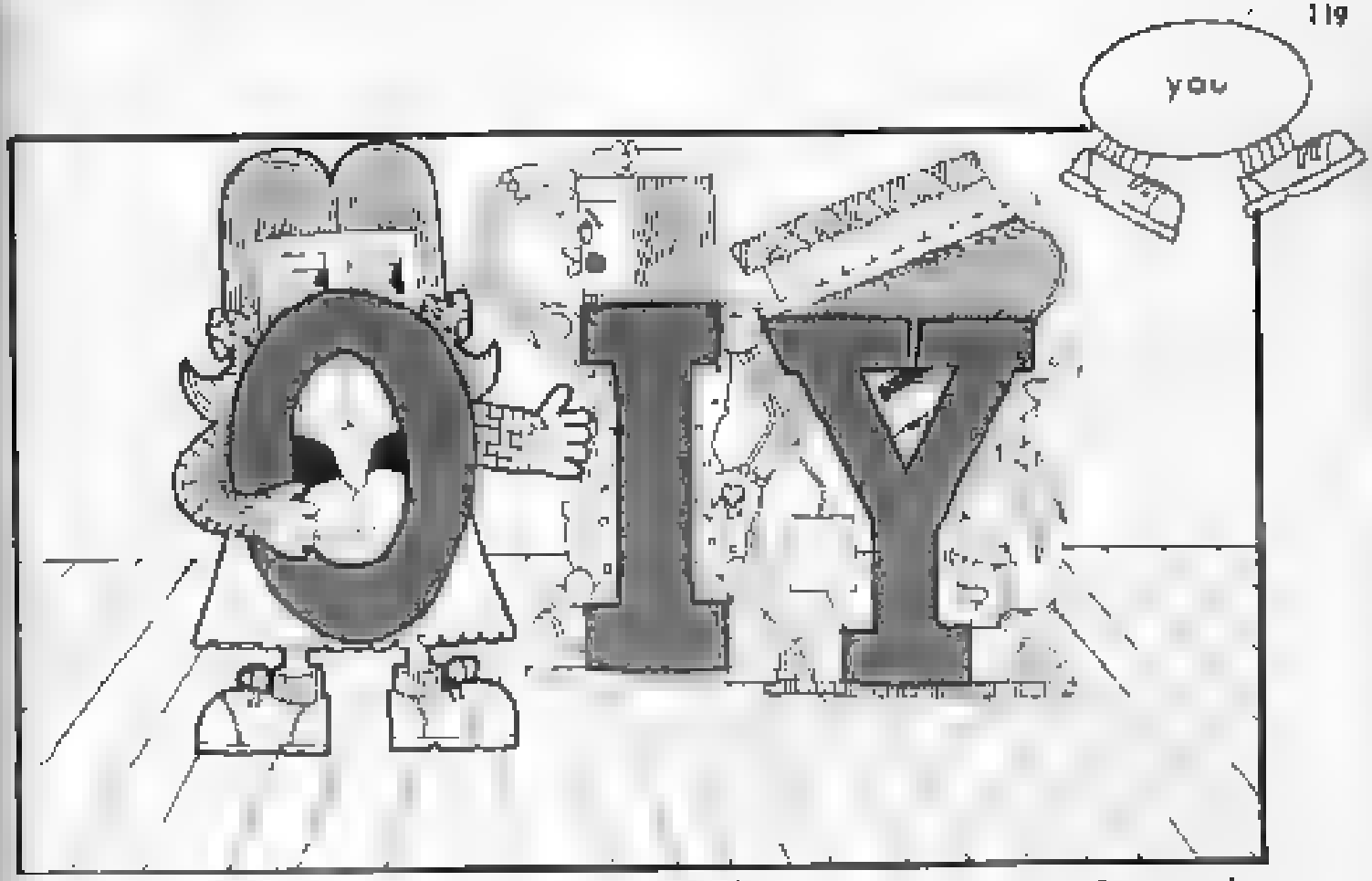


Miss O said, "Stop poking me! Ou, ou, that hurts!" W said, "Let Miss O and M ss U say *ou*."

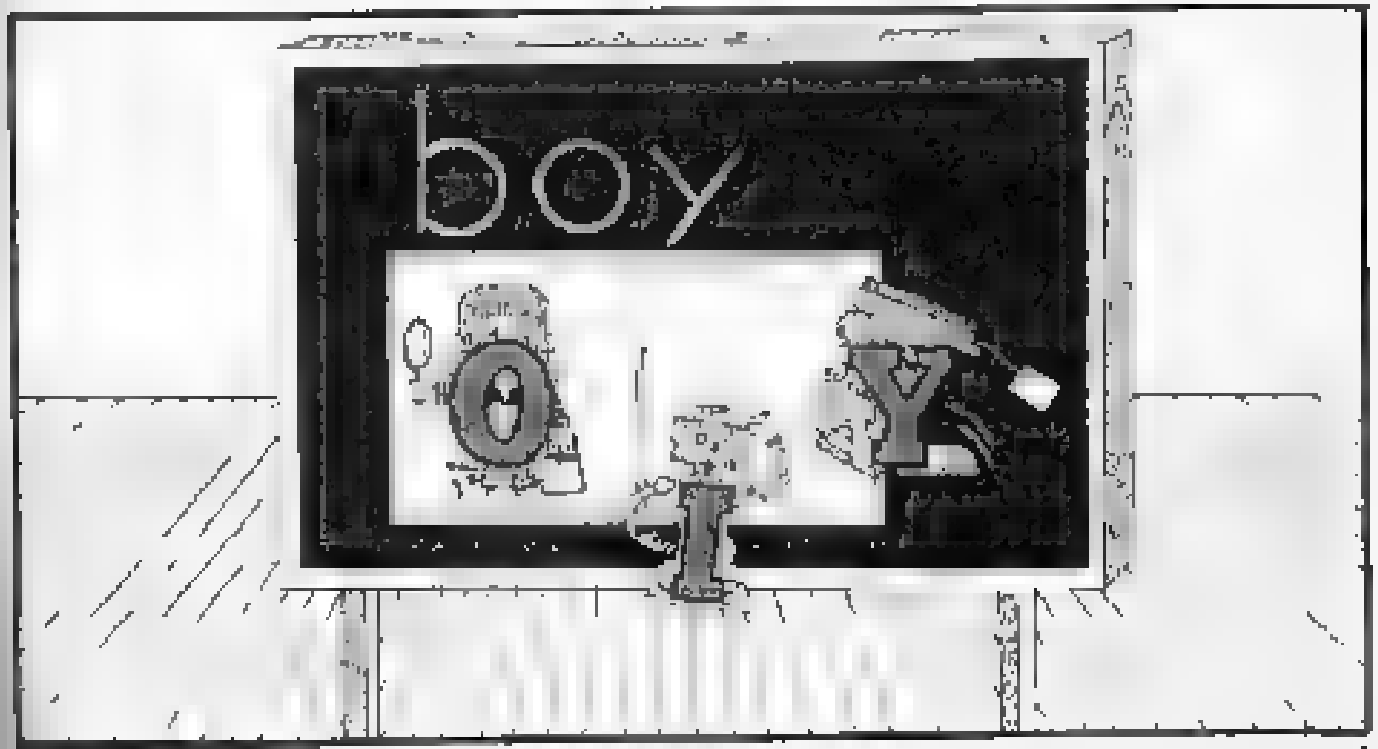


When Miss U is not there, her friend W will take her place. When O stands by W they make the sound of *ou* or *ō*, as in the words cow and grow.

1. boil 
2. points 
3. oil 
4. voice 
5. toil 
6. join 
7. joy 
8. boy 
9. toy 



Miss O said, "Will you make more sounds with me?" Miss I said, "If I can help my friend Y, I will be glad to make more sounds with you, Miss O."



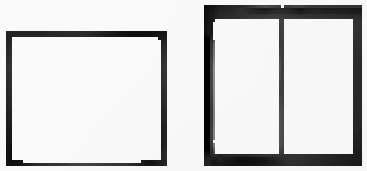
We will take the *oy* sound from *boy*. *Y* may stand in the clue box for Miss I. *O* and *Y* will sound the same as *O* and *I*.

1 boot

2 moon

3 tooth

4 zoo



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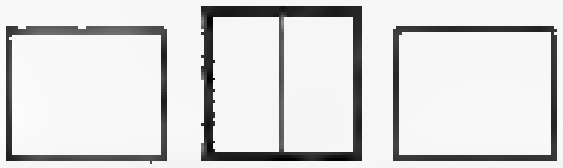

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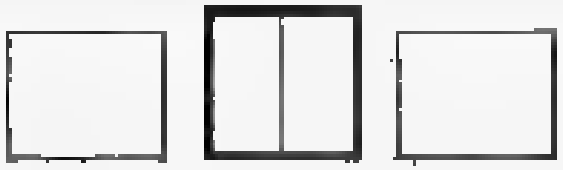

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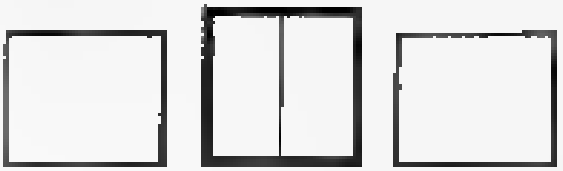

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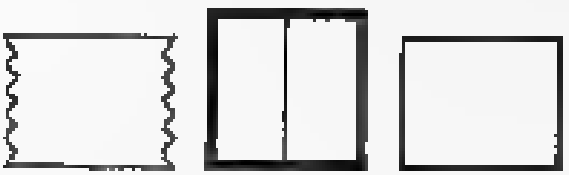

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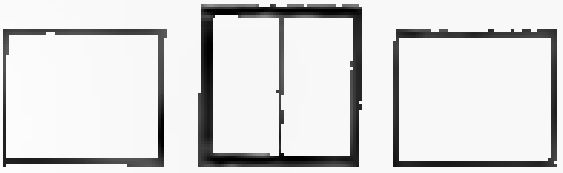


1 cool

2 look

3 proof

4 brook

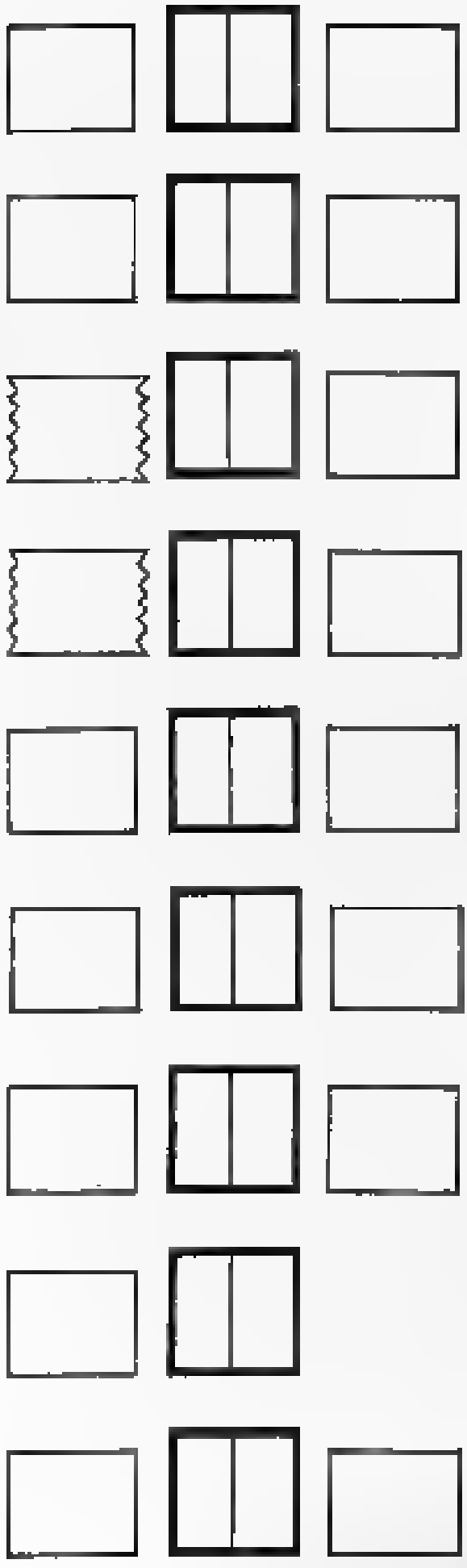
5 wool

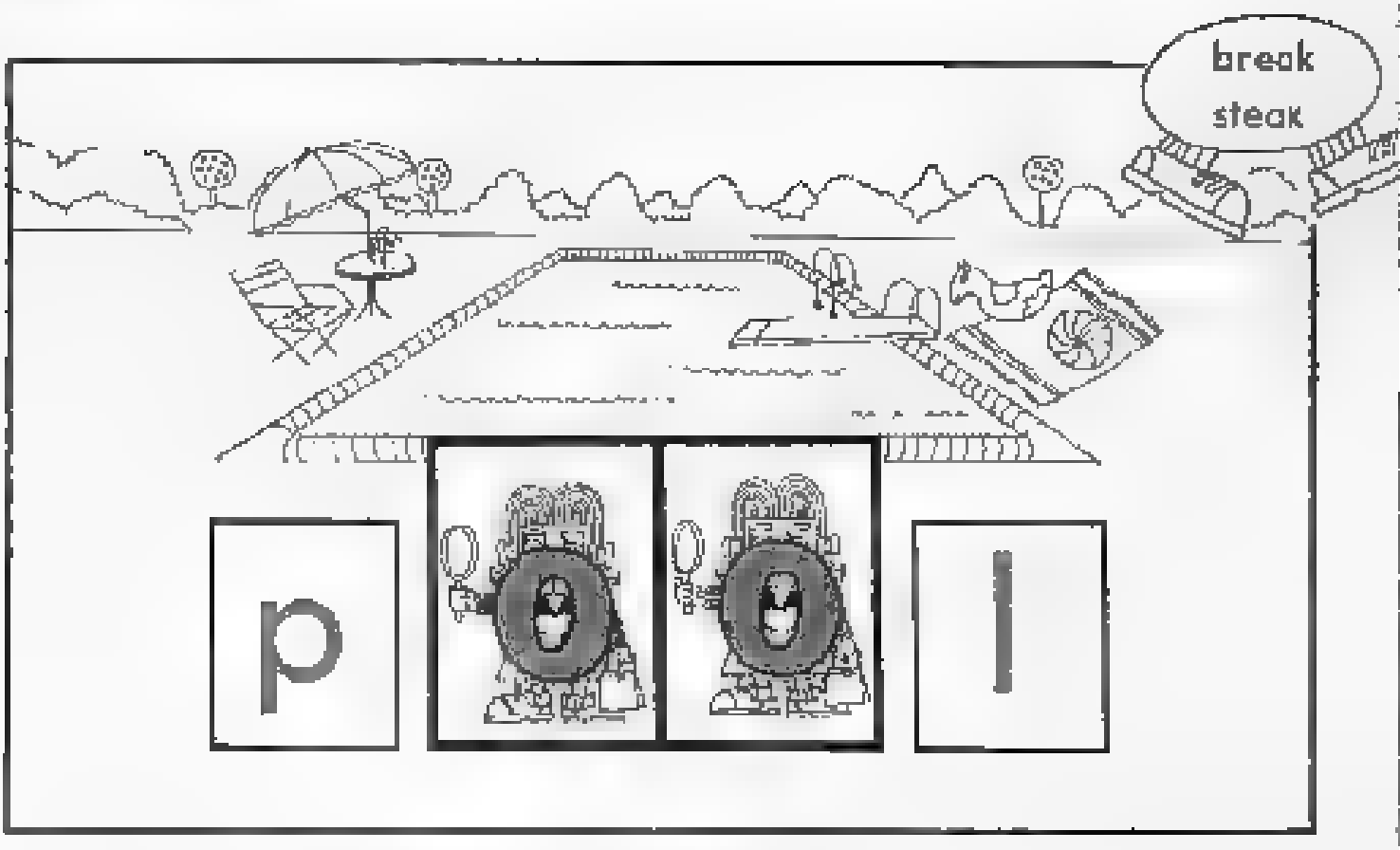
6 soon

7 shoot

8 too

9 booth





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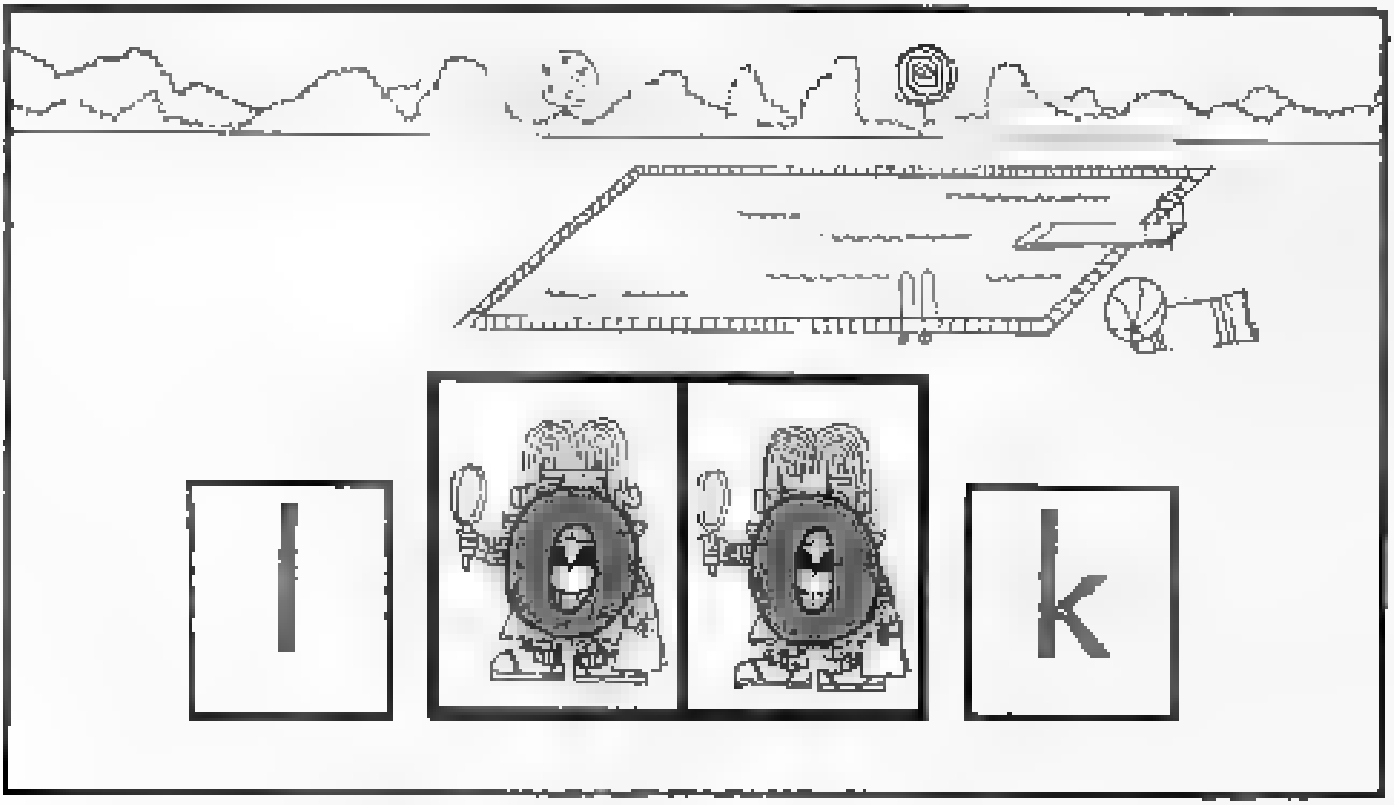

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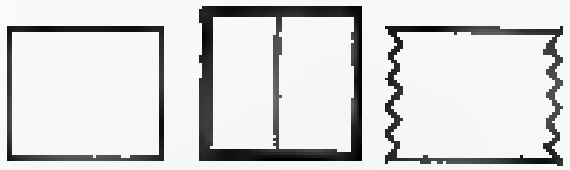
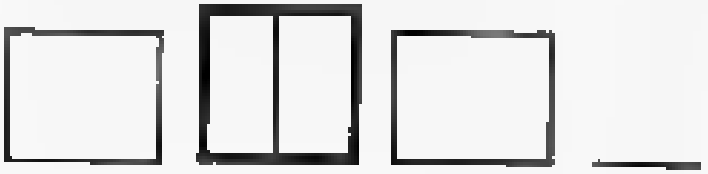
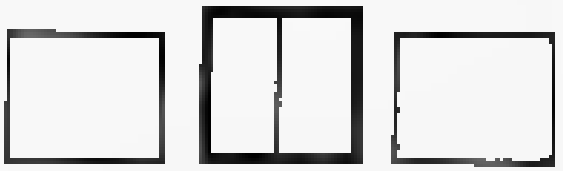
1 haunt 

2 sauce 

3 Paul 

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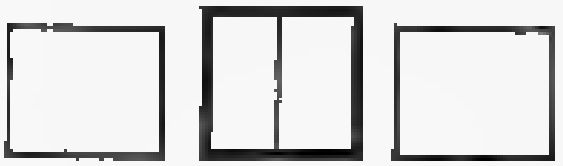
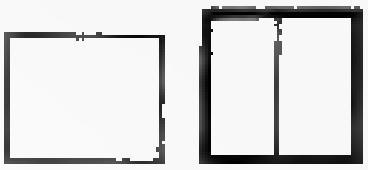
5 haul 

6 saw 

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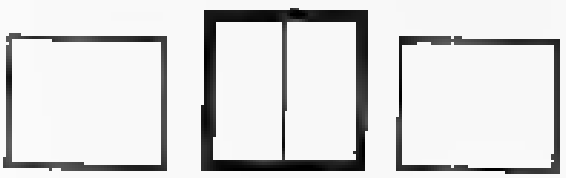
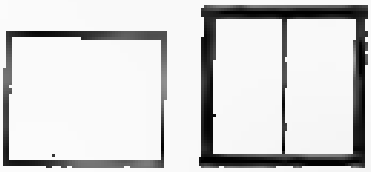
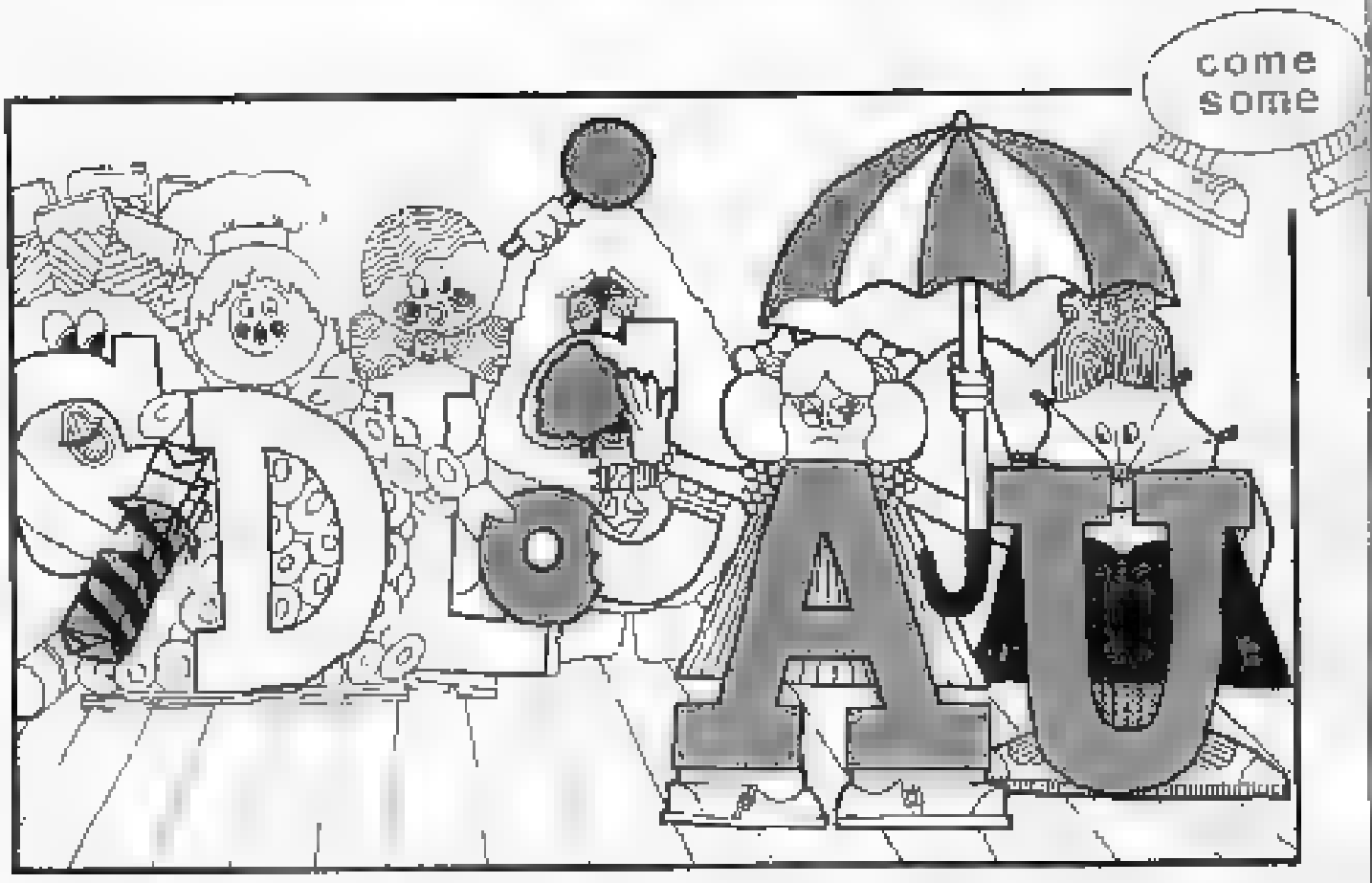
8 hawk 

9 raw 



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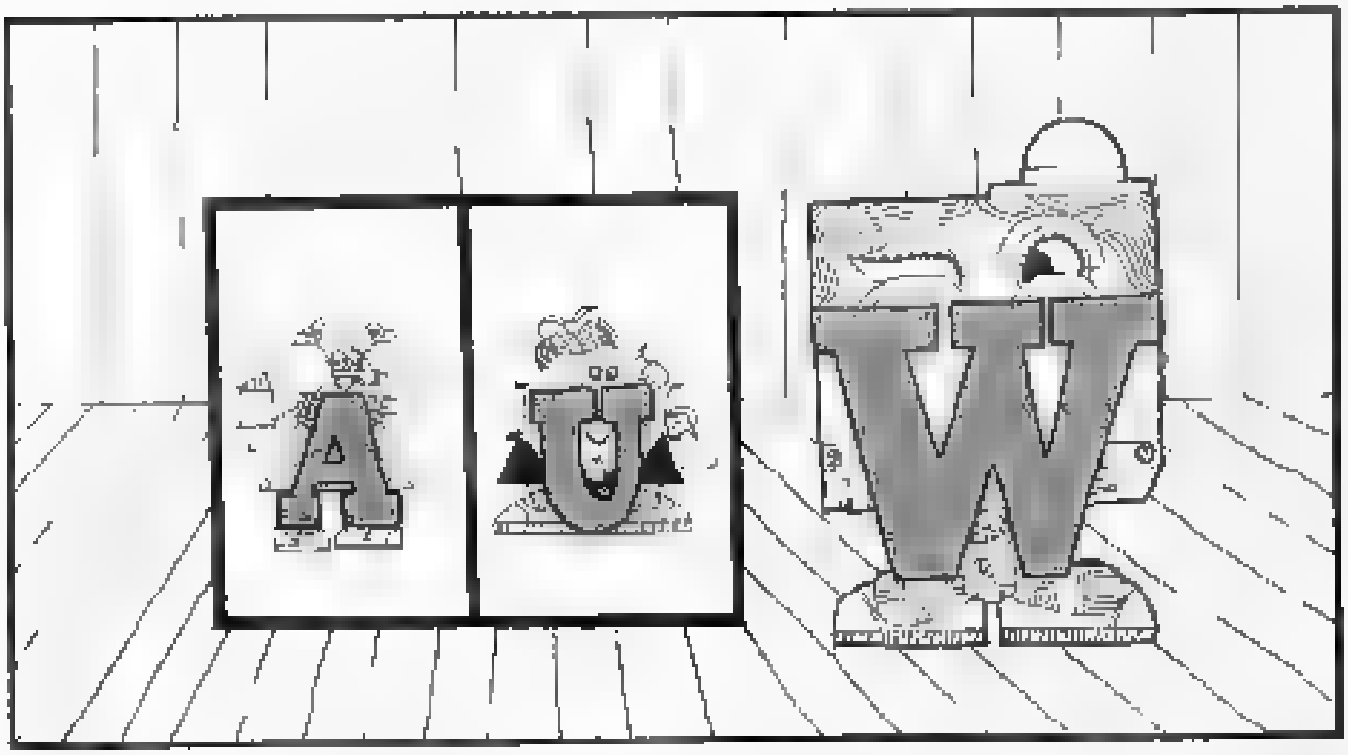


Miss A and Miss U will make the *au* sound. Dear W will come to stand for Miss U when she can not work.

1 m a p

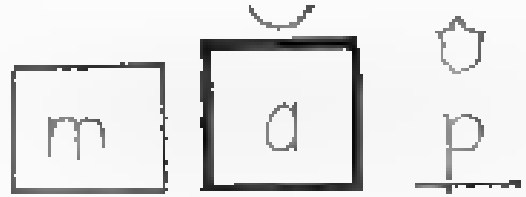
2 p l e a s e

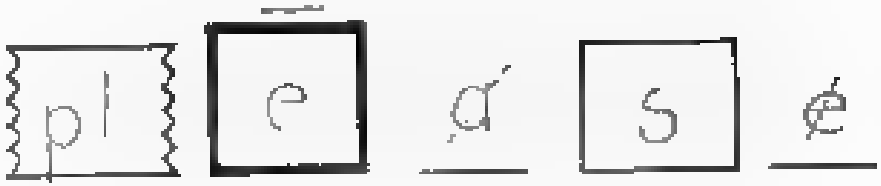
3 o u n c e

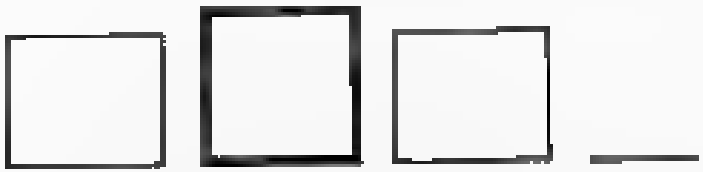
4 b a k e

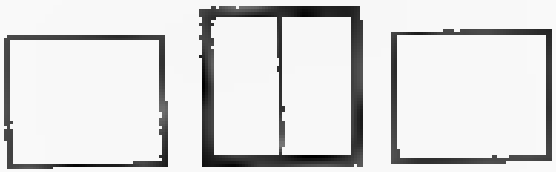
5 c o r d

6 c r e a s e









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2 permit

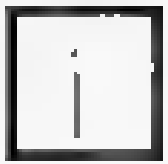
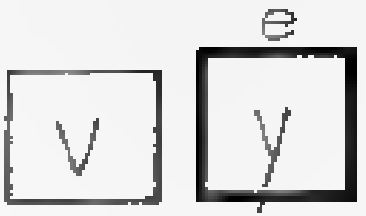
3 basket

4 coffee

5 magnet

6 enter

1 ivy

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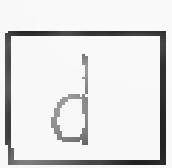
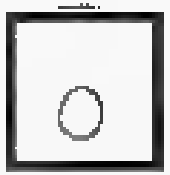
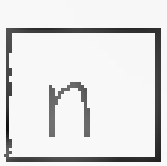
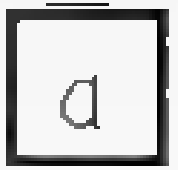
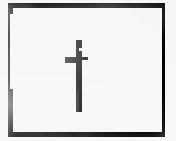

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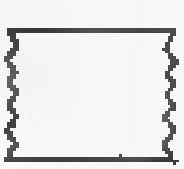
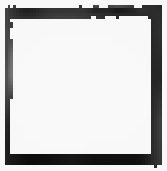
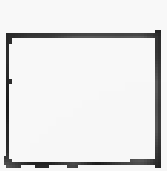
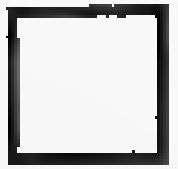

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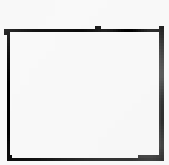
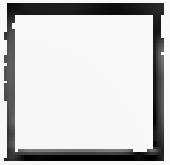

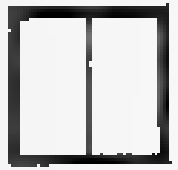

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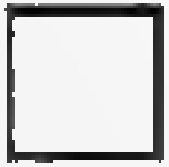
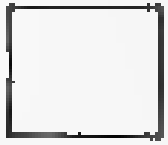
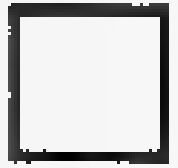

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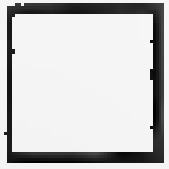

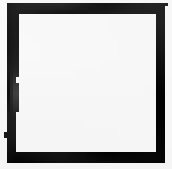

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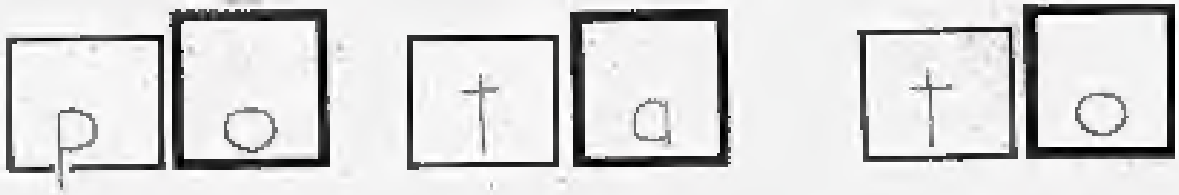

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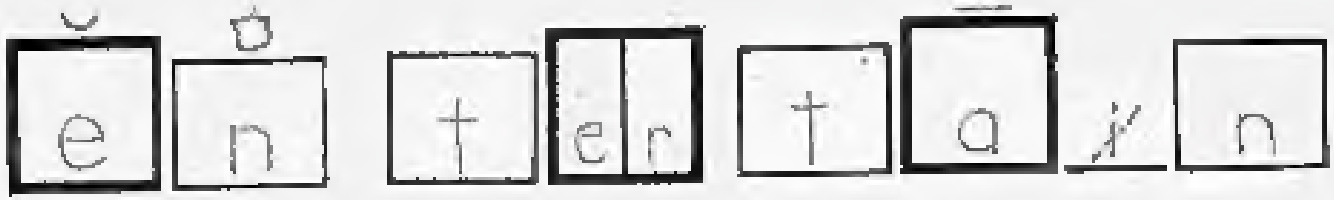

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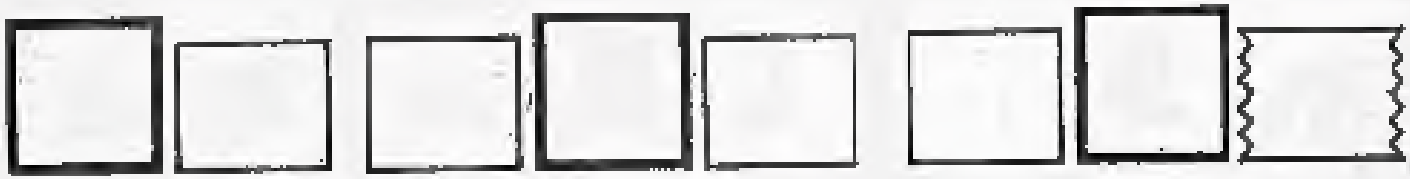

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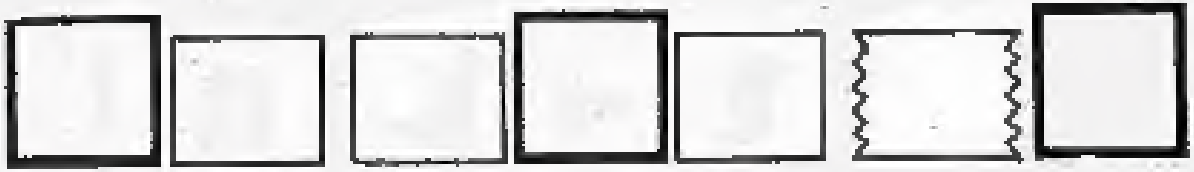

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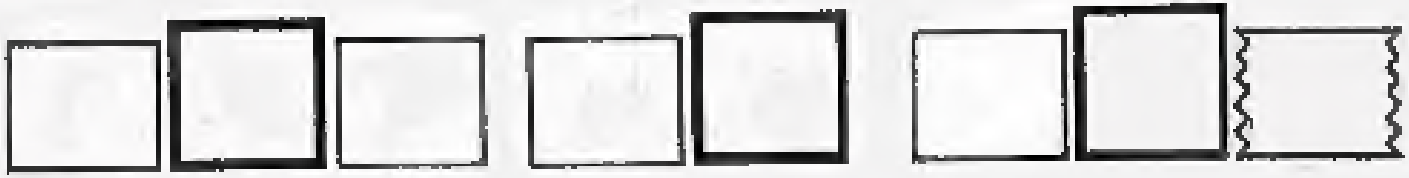

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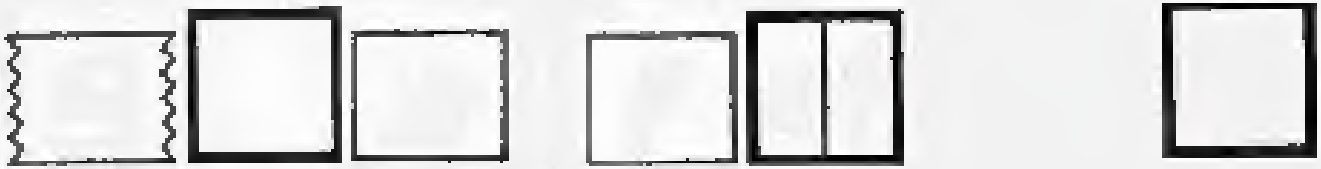
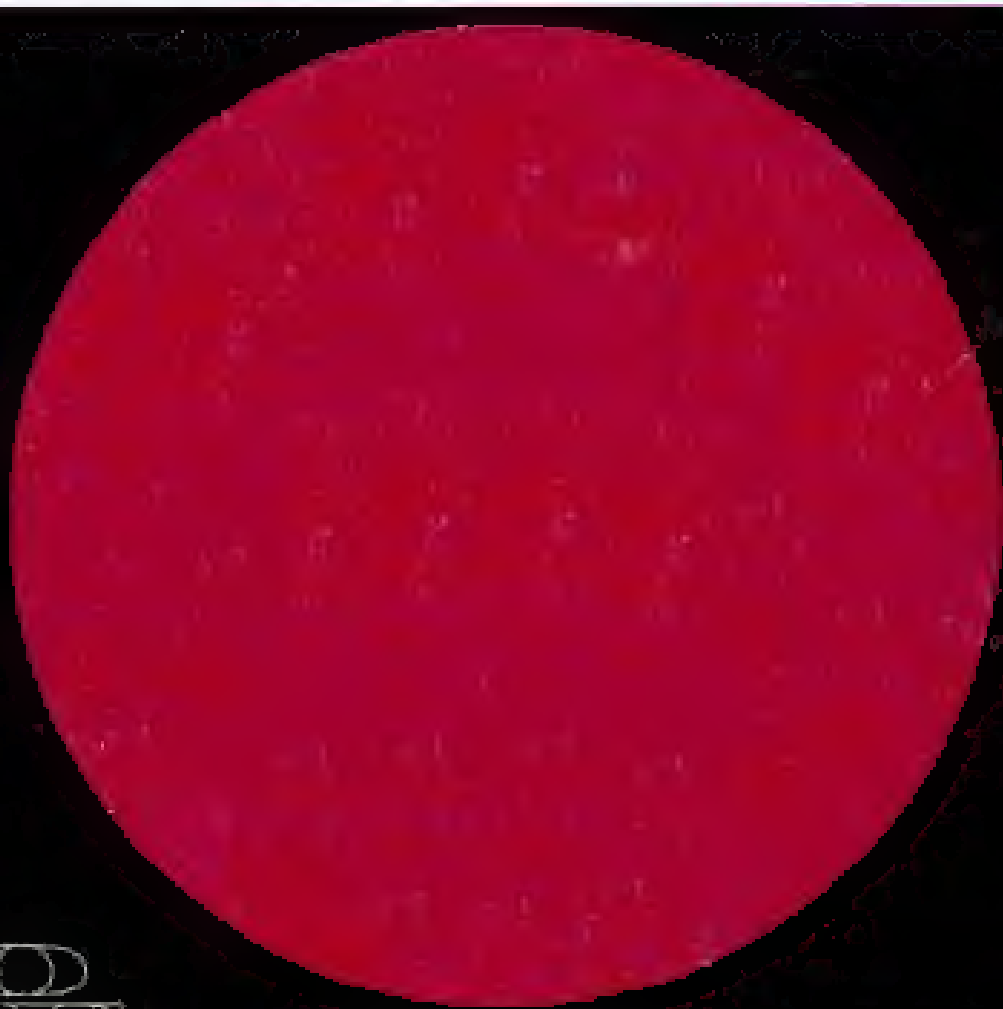


Good-Bye from the Letter People

Boys and girls, we're at an end;
We hope that you are our good friend.
Remember the vowels, short and long;
And where the consonants belong.
Then before decoding starts,
The word is broken into parts.
Now you are on the reading road;
Just check the clues and break the code.
Then say the word; but many a day
You will have found a Runaway.
Read lots of papers, box tops and books
Of children, chipmunks, fishes and hooks.
There's all kinds of reading you can do;
The choice is really up to you.
No matter what, do not forget
The people of the alphabet.



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